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STATES TO VETO 24-TEAM PLAN

A 16-team NSL for '84?

Victoria's State League clubs last week passed a resolution which also certainly spells doom for the National League's proposal to expand its competition to 24 teams, split into two regions.

The NSL probably will be left with no option but to adopt a back-up plan to regionalise its present 16-team league, without adding new clubs to it.

D-day for the NSL is July 30, when its plans are put to the Australian Soccer Federation for ratification or rejection.

The two VSF delegates will join the NSW Federation delegates in opposing the 24-team proposal. South Australia is expected to support Victoria and NSW, meaning the proposal will be rejected.

In a move that strikes at the heart of the NSL's ambitions, Victoria's State League management committee resolved that its clubs are not interested in joining a regionalised NSL unless the NSL reorganisation is "negotiated with and endorsed by the VSF."

The Metropolitan League management committee, representing 56 clubs, endorsed the State League's resolution, which becomes a recommendation to the VSF board of management.

State League and Metropolitan League delegates represent a six-vote majority on the nine-man board of management.

The VSF and NSW Federations will push again on July 3 for a system of super leagues run by State federations. Top teams from each of the super leagues would advance to a national play-off for the Australian championship title.

The federations argue that they have the administrative structure and the teams to set up such a system virtually overnight.

They are likely to make the concession of running periodical "challenge rounds" between super leagues during the season, as outlined in the NSL's re-organisation plan (see below).

Federations believe that the NSL concept has failed; that it has cost federations millions of dollars in lost revenue, and that it already has helped destroy clubs which took years to build up.

Automatic promotion and relegations would be part of the super-league structure.

In fact, it is believed that the VSF would be willing to re-organise all its leagues to facilitate quicker promotion through the ranks by the most effective, most ambitious clubs.

The federations will argue that it is senseless to divide soccer's resources between States and a separate NSL entity, and that only a network of State-run super leagues can give sponsor West Nally Ltd. a united soccer front to "sell" and promote.

If, as seems likely, the NSL's 24-team plan is scrapped by the ASF, the NSL could maintain its present format or go ahead with a regionalised version of it.

The proposal for a 16-team regionalised competition is:

AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

Section A

1. Syd. Olympic
2. St. George
3. Marconi
4. APIA

Section B

5. Canberra
6. Newcastle

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Section A

1. Sth Melbourne
2. Preston
3. Footscray
4. Heidelberg

Section B

5. West Adel
6. Adelaide City
7. Brisb. Lions
8. Brisb. City

Section A teams would play:

1. Home and away against the other Section A teams in the same conference (6 games).

2. Home and away against Section B teams in the same conference (8 games).

3. Once only against Section A teams of the other conference (4 games).

4. Once only against Section B teams of the other conference (4 games).

The same would apply to Section B teams, only in reverse.

Each conference would have its own points table.

In addition to the above, the teams would play a series of "challenge" matches which would count towards the championship.

Here's how the challenge games would work:

Intra-conference challenge matches: Teams to play three times against other teams from within the same conference, according to positions on the ladder at the time (3 games).

Inter-conference challenge matches: Teams to play three times against teams from the other conference, according to positions on the ladder at the time (3 games).

In total, therefore, each team would have 28 matches leading up to the finals.

Intra-conference challenge matches (within the one conference) would be organised on the following basis:

- Top team plays second team;
- Third plays fourth;
- Fifth plays sixth;
- Seventh plays eighth;

etc.

Inter-conference challenge matches (against the other conference teams) would be organised this way:

Top team of one conference plays top team of other conference;

Second plays second;

Third plays third;

Fourth plays fourth;

etc.

All challenge matches would be played as double-headers to maximise crowds.

At the end of it all, we would have a finals series.

The top five teams of each conference would qualify for the finals, with the Australian Conference playing in Sydney and the National Conference in Melbourne only.

The two winners then would play the national final.

So that's the proposed reorganisation plan for a 16-team NSL.

The 24-team proposal — the one that has been recommended by the NSL to the ASF, and the one that is likely to be rejected — is as follows.

AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

Section A

1. Syd. Olympic
2. St. George
3. Syd. City
4. Marconi
5. APIA
6. new team
7. new team
8. new team

Section B

9. Wollongong
10. Canberra
11. Newcastle
12. new team

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Section A

1. Heidelberg
2. Sth Melbourne
3. Preston
4. Footscray
5. new team
6. new team
7. new team
8. new team

Section B

9. Adelaide City
10. West Adel
11. Brisb. City
12. Brisb. Lions

Section A teams would play:

1. Home and away against the other Section A teams of the same conference (14 games).

2. Once only against the Section B teams of the same conference (4 games).

3. Once only against the Section B teams of the same conference (4 games).

Section B teams would play:

1. Once only against the Section B teams of the same conference (3 games).

2. Once only against the Section A teams of the same conference (8 games).

3. Once only against the Section A teams of the other conference (8 games).

4. Once only against three of the four Section B teams of the other conference (3 games).

Each Conference would have its own points table.

Challenge matches would be added according to the same format in the 16-team proposal, except that each challenge round comprises 12 games instead of eight.

The proposal looks bad for teams outside Melbourne and Sydney, but the NSL argues that these teams cannot increase their quota of local derbies anyway, and have no option but to travel away for games.

The proposal includes a recommendation that eventually, the league would look at including clubs from Penrith, Campbelltown, Gosford, Tasmania, Western Australia,

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ALAN BALL WANTS TO COACH HERE

Alan Ball wants to coach in Australia.

He is one of the all-time greats of British soccer, having represented England 72 times.

A member of the England team that won the 1966 World Cup, Ball scored about 170 goals in a long career with Blackpool, Everton, Arsenal, Southampton and Bristol Rovers.

His interest in Australia was sparked during a guest stint with Western Australian club Athena last year.

Ball (pictured) will visit again soon to help John Pryde, the former Juventus player and Frankston coach, in a business venture, and has asked Pryde to help find him a top coaching job in the National League.

Clubs interested in employing Ball should contact "Soccer Action" on (03) 60 0421.



Jubilant Socceroos Peter Katholos (left) and Alan Davidson gives the thumbs up sign after Australia's draw with England in Sydney. Picture: LES SHORROCK.

Kosmina set for No.50, Yankos the 'new Wilson'

By LAURIE SCHWAB

ENGLAND 0 AUSTRALIA 0 at Sydney Cricket Ground, crowd about 28,000. Referee: Tony Boskovic 7. Caution: Gregory (Eng.)

ENGLAND: Shilton 7 — Thomas 9, Osman 8, Butcher 8, Statham 6 (Barnes 69th) — Barham 8, Williams 6, Gregory 7, Cowans 6 — Bissett 6 (Walsh 50th), Francis 8.

AUSTRALIA: Greedy 7 — Yankos 8 — Davidson 9, Ratcliffe 8, S. O'Connor 7, Jennings 6 — Watson 7, Cant 7, Katholos 9 — Kosmina 8, P. O'Connor 7 (Mitchell 65th).

Captain John Kosmina will play his 50th match for Australia against England at Olympic Park in Melbourne on Sunday, providing he emerges unscathed from the second international at Lang Park, Brisbane tonight (Wednesday).

Kosmina, transfer-listed by Sydney City Hakoah in the hope it can make up its budget deficit, made his Socceroo debut against Bologna (3-0) in Adelaide in 1976, while still playing there for Polonia.

Since then, he's been with West Adelaide and Arsenal in England and also made guest appearances for Adelaide City before joining Sydney City. His 48 Australian games so far include 32 full internationals. He has scored 12 goals in full internationals and 18 in total.

While Kosmina is due to bring up the half-century, Alan Davidson of South Melbourne Hellas will play his 30th match for Australia in Melbourne. Nineteen of them have been full internationals.

After their scoreless draw in Sydney last Sunday, the game in Melbourne will be decisive for both teams. The series will be tied or won at Olympic Park.

In Sydney, Australia gained its first ever draw in 13 games against England — a result which coach Frank Arok described as the greatest achievement in his coaching career. Arok conceded however that the remaining two games will be much more difficult.

The first match already has proved of benefit to national coach Les Scheinflug, for whom Arok is standing in, as it unearthed at least one new Socceroo for the 1986 World Cup qualifying series. He is 21-year-old Charlie Yankos (Heidelberg) whom former Socceroo captain Johnny Warren described as "Australia's best sweeper since Peter Wilson."

Decisive third game, Sunday

England manager Bobby Robson was bitterly disappointed with his own team and is demanding dramatic improvement in the remaining two matches.

Phil Neale and Sammy Lee of Liverpool will be in the team now, and they will make it all the more difficult for the Australians. Luther Bissett will have acclimatised and his combination with Trevor Francis in attack should prove to be devastating in Melbourne.

English FA secretary Ted Croker likened Sunday's result with the FA Cup final between Brighton and Manchester United. Underdog Brighton managed a draw, but the class of United proved decisive in the replay.

Whatever happens in the last two games, Australia deserves credit for its fighting display in Sydney.

The match probably was the last international for referee Tony Boskovic whose age forces him to retire.

England fans on the hill at the SCG chanted "You'll Never Walk Alone" even before the kick-off but changed their tune to "What a Load of Rubbish" as it became more and more evident that the English were unable to break down the resolute Socceroos.

The Australians had specific marking jobs, but they showed quite a lot of flair and tremendous confidence from the start, so much so that Jim Cant nutmegged John Gregory in a midfield build-up.

Joe Watson, Phil O'Connor, Alan Davidson, Peter Katholos, Jim Cant, then O'Connor and Watson again, put together uninterrupted touches, ending with a miskicked Watson cross that goes over the bar — a fine passage by the Australians.

Russell Osman was forced to pass back to goalkeeper Peter Shilton under pressure from Davidson and O'Connor a few moments later and then Katholos is obstructed by Steve Williams as he tries to run onto a short through ball from Kosmina.

Australian goalkeeper has his first touch, barring back-passes in the 17th minute when he comes out to catch a corner from Gordon Cowans. A minute later Greedy again is decisive in taking the ball after Mark Barham has nipped in and played it square into the box.

There is a general air of strength and solidity about the Australian line-up, and about the attitude of the players who close down quickly all over the field, intent on making not the slightest concession to England's fearsome reputation.

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MARKO MEETS THE STARS



A toast to success

Sydney Olympic stars Marshall Soper (left), Mark Koussas and Steve Paterson toast a bright future for their team which jumped from 13th to 9th position before the NSL's two-week break. Picture: CARLOS PICASSO



John Papazoglou marked his NSL debut for West Adelaide by being voted best on the ground and setting up the goal in West's 1-1 draw with Sydney City. Picture: FRANK HOBBS



Young Marko Markezic won a recent ball skills competition run by Canberra Arrows and one of his rewards was a trip to Melbourne with the Arrows and the chance to meet the stars of NSL leader Preston Makedonia. He is pictured, from left, with: Peter Ollerton, Gary Ward, Zoran Ilioski and George McMillan. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

'Roos get just deserts, Geovani, Aquilera shine

Quarter-finals:
Argentina 2 Holland 1,
Poland 1 Scotland 0,
Brazil 4 Czechoslovakia 1,
South Korea 2 Uruguay 1.

AUSTRALIA 1 (Brown 52nd)
SOUTH KOREA 2 (Kim Jong-Kon 16th, Kim Jong-Boo 35th).

AUSTRALIA: Franken 9, Maier 5, Dekas 7, Vietas 5, Rizzotto 7, Patikas 6, McCulloch 6, Stewart 6 (Farina 46th), Incantalupo 6, (Licata 35th), Brown 6, Lowe 6.
SOUTH KOREA: Kim Pung-Joo 7, Kim Pan-Kun 7, Moon Won-Kun 7, Jang Jung 7, Yoo Byung-Ok 7, Lee Tae-Hyung 8, (Kim Keung-Kwon 65th) No In-Woo 8, Kim Jong-Kon 8, Kim Jong-Boo 7, Shin Yon-Ho 7, Lee Hyun-Chul 8 (Lee Koo-Kun 56th).

Brazilian attacking midfielder Geovani Silva and Uruguayan striker Carlos Aguilera will become household names in world football going on their performances in the 1983 World Youth Championship in Mexico.

The Brazilian, known simply by his first name, emerged as the stoker in the engine room of a side that will go very close to winning this championship after the one stunner against Holland in their opening game. The Brazilians struggled in that game after falling behind but Geovani pulled them back from the brink of defeat with a penalty, expertly converted, five minutes from the end.

His ice-cool temperament again was evident in the next game, putting away another penalty kick in the clinical 3-0 defeat over giant-killer Nigeria.

Brazil finished up as group D's winner with a 2-1 win over USSR in the final game — and it was Geovani who scored the second goal, this time finishing off a well-worked move which started on the halfway line.

Aguilera has bowed out of the competition following Uruguay's elimination by South Korea in Monterrey.

But the striker's undoubted ability has already been well noted and his club in Uruguay, Nacional, already has knocked back a \$200,000 offer for his transfer.

Aguilera, who will turn 19 on September 21, scored two of the goals in the 3-1 win over Poland which gave Uruguay the top spot in Section B.

He had earlier netted one in the 3-2 win over USA.

It was among the most sought after players for after-match interviews by the South American media which has already labelled him a superstar.

Uruguay's elimination may have proved a surprise for most, but for those who, like us, saw South Korea in the group games, the result was no miracle.

The Koreans were by far the most skillful of the group Australia played in and only in-



Scotland's Neale Cooper (No. 6) threatens Australia's goal but is foiled by goalkeeper Anthony Franken and No. 2, Ralph Maier. Behind Neale is Ray Vietas.

decision in front of goal cost them the two points against Scotland in the first game.

Indeed their coach Park Jong-Wan said confidently after the team had qualified for the quarter finals, that were they to meet Scotland again, he was sure "the result would be different."

Jong-Wan, who in two World Youth Championships, has established himself as an astute tactician and a very capable decision maker — as well as a good cook — uses a very flexible 4-2-4 system with Lee Tae-Hyung (No. 7) and Lee Hyun-Chul (No. 17) the two midfield flankers who do most of the damage.

The team has only two tall players — central midfielder No In-Woo and goalkeeper Kim Pung-Joo and so rarely tries to match teams in the air.

But the players use their superior close control and complement it with boundless running off the ball to create the space man all the time.

Against Australia, the amount of space they got in midfield was almost embarrassing at times and it was again their finishing that let them down. Otherwise that game would have been over long before the final whistle.

But despite Korea's excellent showing I still expect a South American team to win the competition and I'd lay odds on a Brazil v Argentina final.

The conditions suit both countries right down to the ground — and especially for the Brazilians whom the Mexicans regard as brothers — the support will be fanatical.

On the other hand, for the European and Asian sides left in the competition, the altitude and the heat will continue to eat into them and must at some stage affect them.

And this is a general indication for the 1986 World Cup which of course will be held at the same locations and more or less at the same time of the year.

Despite the obvious disadvantages, I still believe FIFA made the right decision to grant Mexico the finals in '86.

The country's massive population just lives for the big soccer occasions and the fact is that most of the Youth matches were well attended even though they were held in midweek in early afternoons

or evenings during school and working hours.

The World Cup matches kick-off times will again be staggered from noon onwards to suit Televisa, the Mexican television network which is doing most of the financing for the Mundial.

The one thing, that definitely has to be improved is communications. The Australian Press encountered far too many problems with telefax for comfort. But the people more than made up for the hiccup, going to extremes to make sure stories were eventually filed overseas.

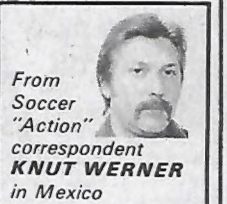
From Australia's point of view, there is a general feeling of let-down at failing to make the quarter finals after coming so close.

But if one is brutally honest, we did not play well enough to have come so near in the first place.

The signs were evident in Costa Rica, with the defence pulled out of joint by an ordinary second division side.

And the midfield was an utter disaster, almost always caught stretched and lacking a real ball winner.

Some shrugged off the two Costa Rican results as unimportant warm-up matches but



From Soccer "Action" correspondent KNUT WERNER in Mexico

the deficiencies again surfaced against Mexico and were finally exploited by Korea — and we got our just deserts!

The big plusses to emerge from the championship were the form of Anthony Franken, and to a lesser extent Tony Dakos.

Franken made mincemeat of rumors that he does not have the temperament for big games (and the post) were largely responsible for keeping out Mexico in the first game.

But he excelled against Korea with some courageous dives at the feet of the strikers and flying across goals to stop two more screamers which seemed destined for the net.

Dakos was used unsuccessfully in midfield in Costa Rica but performed brilliantly when called upon as Sweeper in the second half against Mexico.

He did not look back from then on, playing superbly against Scotland and being one of the few who could hold their head up against the Koreans.

DalGLISH out

Double Footballer of the Year Kenny DalGLISH was not selected for Scotland's home international matches as he had been ordered by a specialist to rest a nagging thigh injury.

Welsh sell-out

With tickets not yet on sale, the Wales v Brazil international match to be played at Ninian Park on Sunday, June 12, is virtually guaranteed a 40,000 sell-out.

Menegali finished

Giafrance Menegali who re-joined the Aberdeen-Real Madrid final, has now been automatically stood down on reaching the age of 50. A lawyer of some considerable repute in Rome, he has helped put many criminals behind bars.

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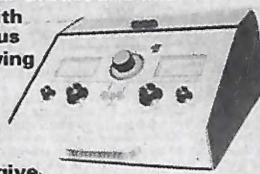
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Players are turning into boring robots

The uncertainty surrounding the immediate future of the NSL is not helping the game at all.

Although the Council of Clubs did vote for a geographical split in the league in 1984, only the bravest punter would bet that this will come about.

Quite a number of clubs are having second thoughts about the matter while some State Leagues — notably NSW — will use their influence in the ASF to prevent any expansion of the NSL.

Whatever happens, two things look as certain as they can look in our soccer: there will be no top four and no relegation at the end of the current campaign.

And these two decisions will adversely affect the success of the season.

The much maligned top four is just about the only incentive for ambitious clubs — apart from winning the title.

Without that, clubs cannot explain even to themselves

why they should exert extra effort to do well, especially in the second half of the season.

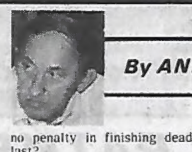
What glory is there in a second, third or fourth place this year? No special kudos, no place in the play-offs, no excitement for the fans, no financial reward for the clubs.

Sure, the two or three teams aiming at the very top will — or rather may — strive to finish first, more as a matter of habit than conviction.

But once teams fall back from the peak, they won't give a damn whether they come second or sixth. And that will show in the match standards — and attendances.

Much the same is the predictable result of the no-relegation edict.

Why should a club — a Wollongong, Footscray or Lions — tidy up its backyard, tighten its management, polish up its coaching and motivate its players if there is absolutely



no penalty in finishing dead last

By ANDREW DETTRE

Soccer — and sport in general — is built on incentives and rather primitive passions. Success brings rewards, failure demands penance.

The winners are hailed and feted, the losers ignored, possibly penalised.

But not in the NSL, under the current set-up, there is hardly any reward for doing well and even less danger of being snubbed for failing.

Sydney City won the title three years running — and is facing extinction as a senior soccer club. Can you imagine this happening to Hamburg, A Roma, Liverpool or any other champion team?

And that being the case, is there any reason at all why clubs in the NSL should spend money and effort on building a successful team?

I'm afraid the NSL has disregarded these basic principles for 1983 — hence the poor standard of matches.

Whether you talk to offi-

cials, coaches, fans or even players, the general consensus of opinion is that the standard of games is slipping.

In the past few days the same views were expressed to me by eminent people deeply involved in soccer. Maroon coach Doug Collins, top referees Peter Rampley and Tim Davies, Sydney City stars Ken Boden and Willie Murray and others.

What they say all boils down to one thing: most of the matches are boring, flat, colourless.

Even Ron Greenwood expressed a similar view after the St George v Heidelberg game when he described our soccer as "predictable" and an "imitation of the English stuff" which, at its worst, can be rather dreary, too.

This, of course, may not be evident to some of the "leading" ASF administrators; you never see them at NSL matches.

Clearly they have better things to do than "waste" their time watching the game which they are elected to administer or are paid to manage.



And in case of any possible misunderstanding let me hasten to add that NSL manager Stefan Kamasz is an honorable exception.

Every week I watch one, at times two NSL matches — and I have yet to see one this year which is worth remembering.

All or almost all the teams play the same style; the patterns are predictable, the formations identical. We have reached the stage of uni-soccer.

Heidelberg is undistinguishable from Newcastle. Olympians from Adelaide City and so on.

Special team characteristics have vanished, we are now in the robot age.

I am not sure why or how this has come about — but it has.

A few years ago the position was quite a bit better.

There was Eddie Kreft's Adelaide City to enthuse about, a team of flair and improvisation where players like Perin, Lister, Marocchi and John Nyskohus provided individual color and skill.

Then we had Len McKendry's Heidelberg, playing their own precision brand, reliable as a metronome, with Pat Bannister, Rooney and Cole creating their marvellous triangle.

Marconi, with Sharne, Krncevic and the cagey Vieri, had their distinctive blitzkrieg style and Sydney City, unfairly called a tedious team, played with method and class week after week (is that tedious?)

With Souness, Watson and later Putniks being the style-setters.

What's left of all this? Adelaide City and Heidelberg, both very young teams, are keen, full of zest and brio — but undistinguishable from a million other teams.

The two coaches who sculpted their style have long gone, with Kreft probably forgotten.

Marconi may — and I say may — recapture their identity in due course if their youngsters mature a bit more; if Sharne becomes a new Vieri, if Licata turns into a new Sharne... if... if... if...

One had high hopes that South Melbourne Hellas would be the one to provide some new color and excitement in 1983 — but that hope is fast fading.

Like Juventus of Italy, Hellas has crammed every possible "name" player into its side without becoming a team; almost all the new signings are performing much worse than they did in their previous teams.

Here and there Olympic and St. George hold out a ray of

hope for something different — but far too often they also melt into the sea of mediocrity.

I don't know if all this is the fault of the coaches, players — or just a sign of the times when uniformity is the order of the day, leading to dullness and drabness.

This, of course, is not an isolated Australian phenomenon; most of the world suffers from the same malaise.

The playfulness of soccer which has been its main fascination for decades is vanishing, being replaced by physical qualities — speed, strength, courage, stamina.

All these are absolutely necessary — but on their own, without skill and flair, they tend to turn soccer into gladiatorial contests.

This is why the few Platins, Zicos and Maradonas left in the world fetch such astronomical fees; they represent a dying breed.

As sport appears to move in cycles, I do hope that the present trend will give way to another era where, once again, soccer becomes more of a spectacle and less of a test of sheer strength.

And this will come about only when clubs, coaches and players all realise that what goes now under the name of "entertainment" is chasing fans away.



From left: Zico, Platini and Maradona — a dying breed

0/28's Murray a former rock 'n' roller

Les Murray's passion for soccer climaxed late one evening in Wollongong in 1960 as he watched a delayed telecast of the European Cup final between Real Madrid and Eintracht Frankfurt and was "totally captivated by the poetic beauty of what still is regarded by many as the greatest soccer match ever played."

Murray, a self confessed soccer romantic, probably will spend the rest of his attachment to the sport searching for the emotional high he experienced as Real won 7-3. However, it is to his native Hungary that the roots of his addiction can be traced.

"In the 1950's Hungary had the best national team in the world. Soccer was a great talking point. My father couldn't afford to take me to games but I read everything I could get my hands on about the sport," said Murray.

Murray's TV education started in England in 1976. He was working as a journalist there when a friend told him that back in Australia a national competition was going to start and the Ten network was looking for a commentator to handle games in Sydney.

"I went to Craven Cottage to watch Fulham playing Luton and I took along a cassette recorder to tape my match commentary, which I then sent to John Frank in Sydney. I can remember the fans looking at me and wondering what this idiot in the stand was doing, speaking into a cassette for the entire match."

"The people in Sydney liked what they heard. They sent me a telegram telling me to contact Bob Gardam, a producer of London Weekend Television's 'Big Match' show. He was coming here to work on Ten's coverage of the Philips League."

"I auditioned for Bob by sitting next to Brian Moore and doing a taped commentary of the Chelsea v. Blackpool game at Stamford Bridge. I was absolutely petrified, sitting next to one of the dozens of commentators. I thought that I was lousy, but Bob liked it and he set it over here. That's how I got the job."

"I thought it was going to be a bigger job than it actually was. The show ran for two years then it was dropped. It never had much of a chance. It



Les Murray, 0/28's Mr Soccer

was buried in the graveyard time slot and wasn't properly promoted. Channel 10 wanted the rights to rugby league and like all the commercial networks, it was paranoid about offending the rugby league fraternity. On top of that, the standard of soccer wasn't good enough to make it really commercially viable."

Nevertheless, Murray had gained an important foothold in a medium he was attracted to. He'd been a singer in a Sydney-based rock and roll group, "The Rubber Band", and had entered journalism some years earlier. In fact, Murray first had been drawn toward show business as an eight-year-old in Hungary, winning a literature festival with a poem recital.

"I guess that was the start of this hidden show business thing. I've never been shy to get up in front of people and perform. It's not a big ego tripping thing, in fact I consciously repel the vanity factor inherent in TV."

Murray spent two years travelling to and from Bruce Stadium every fortnight, commenting on Canberra Ar-

rows' games for the local CTC 7 network until the chance came to join the newly created TV wing of the Special Broadcasting Service. Channel 0/28's first locally produced outside broadcast was the 1980 PSL Grand Final in Canberra between Heidelberg United and Sydney City. Murray was the match commentator, a position he won after 0/28 failed in its bid to lure big name commentators from England.

Murray has been a resident 0/28 commentator ever since, and has graduated to being the on-camera anchorman for the station's many soccer broadcasts. Murray no longer comments on national league games, however he keeps his hand in by doing the voice-over for overseas matches.

"Research is crucial with these games. The matches come in on video tapes either with foreign language commentary or no commentary, but you always have the starting point of knowing team line-ups and shirt numbers."

"I watch the tape in front of a monitor for about 20 minutes, just to familiarise myself with the game. I don't go right through the tape because I think, after watching it once then doing a commentary at the second sitting, you'd lose a lot of the excitement which you try to transmit through your commentary."

"Brazilian football is my favorite. I guess you could call me a soccer romantic. I'm dead against anything that goes against entertainment. Players, even though they get paid, still enjoy the game. No-one is going to tell me that Franz Beckenbauer plays a beautifully floated pass and doesn't enjoy doing it."

"Players have the instinct to entertain and fans have the instinct to be entertained. Others in the game aren't propped by such instincts. Too many officials are in there for other than noble reasons. Noble reasons are ensuring that a community of people is entertained. That's what it's all about."

"The most significant thing that I think has ever happened in soccer took place a few years back at Bayern Munich when there was a players' revolt. The players kicked out the club's millionaire president and his coach. Uli Hoeneß took over as club manager. Such a move hasn't happened before or since. It was a very refreshing move to my way of thinking."

Like all TV sporting personalities, Murray is open to criticism of being biased, especially at national team level, but it is a claim, if ever levelled at him, he would totally reject.

"I'm not a zealous patriot. In fact, it's a trait I least admire. Flag waving is simply stupidity as far as I'm concerned."

"Sure, especially with our boys in the World Youth Cup in Mexico last week, my heart was with the Australians. I have a particular affection for this youth team because they still have a playful approach to the game. They play the game for the game's sake. They had a chance to become heroes in front of over 500,000 kids playing soccer here. But you have to be unbiased in the media. Take our loss to South Korea for example. If there were millions of Australians watching that match and just one South Korean, I'd feel obligated to him."

"I feel bad about us not qualifying for the quarter-finals but we didn't deserve to qualify. We were lucky against Mexico, our win over the Scots was thoroughly deserved, but South Korea was by far the better team. We were weaker than I thought we'd be. I thought we'd show more skill and cohesion."

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McMeechan for Doves

GREEN GULLY AJAX 1
(Smallman 82nd) **DOVETON 0**
at Green Gully Reserve.
Sunday.

GREEN GULLY AJAX: Denys 7 - Peter Lewis 7, Short 8, Cannell 7, Hoggan 7 - Boyle 7, Vassallo 8, Smallman 7, Williams 7, Total 8, Grouchan 6 (Mancinelli 7th).
COACH: Len McKendry.
DOVETON: Keogh 7 - Thurlow 8, Cooke 7, Merrick 8, Miller 6 - Watson 6, Webster 8, Waterhouse 7 - Buchanan 6, Stinton 6 (MacLeod 8th), M. Lennon 6. Coach: Ernie Merrick.

Former Australian international midfielder Hammy McMeechan, is the new coach of Doveton.
The ex-Croatia and Juventus player has taken over from Ernie Merrick, who was in charge of the Doves for the last time last Sunday as they went down 1-0 to Green Gully Ajax.
McMeechan has coached Mooroolbark, Frankston Pines, Brighton and Hamlyn Rangers. He was appointed assistant coach to John Gardner at Croatia this year but joined Juventus as reserve team coach early in the season.
Ajax had a lot of possession

in this match, which was ruined by the blustery conditions. However, the State League champion missed the finishing power of the league's leading scorer, Paul Lewis, who was serving an automatic one week suspension.

Doveton midfielder John Dowie also was out through suspension. His place in midfield was taken by Stan Webster with Bill Buchanan pushed forward in support of Ian Stinton.

Doveton bought young Greg Macleod from Box Hill last week for \$500 and gave him his first run during the last five minutes when he replaced Stinton.
Bobby Toal had the best chance of the match in the second half but shot wide from well inside the Doveton area. However, Ajax struck its decisive blow inside the final 10 minutes thanks to the set piece artistry of David Smallman who curled a 25 metre free kick into the top far corner, marking an otherwise fine performance from Doveton's Sean Keogh, the most promising young goalkeeper in State League.

Merrick quits

Ernie Merrick's swan song as player-coach of Doveton took place at Green Gully Reserve on Sunday and the talented defender has placed himself on the transfer list at a maximum fee of \$1,000.

"I wanted to make the team more than just a middle-of-the-league outfit and I failed," said Merrick.

"I had no course, other than to resign. I was assured that last year's squad would be kept intact and in fact be added to but the financial situation of the club demanded that players be sold and we didn't find adequate replacements."

Merrick has been invited to English First Division club Leicester City by manager Gordon Milne and will take up the offer at the end of this season. There, Merrick will observe all facets of Leicester's team preparation and is hopeful of being appointed to the club's coaching staff.

"I'd been at Doveton too long. I think the world of the club but I only dealt with a few committeemen and they certainly worked their hearts out. Others on the committee did a lot of knocking but no work," said Merrick.



Ernie Merrick

"I've had tremendous respect and loyalty from the players but I couldn't get them to perform the way I wanted them to. That's my fault. A lot of the boys wanted me to stay on but it wouldn't be fair to the new coach if I remained as a player."

"Doveton has to sort out its administration, then appoint someone who can sort out the playing side of things. The club certainly won't get relegated and it still might make something of this season."

Merrick already has received an offer to play with a Metro First Division club he'd prefer to stay in State League. His eye injury, suffered against Fawkner a few weeks ago, has completely healed and he's back to peak fitness.

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CROATIA	10	2	1	35	5	22
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POLONIA	7	4	2	24	12	18
Croydon	6	3	4	22	15	15
Box Hill	6	2	5	18	16	14
Northcote	6	2	5	17	27	14
Fawkner	5	3	5	20	22	13
Morwell	6	1	6	19	25	13
S.G. Cross	5	1	7	21	23	11
Doveton	3	2	8	15	26	8
Albion	1	4	8	6	18	6
Wilhelmina	2	1	10	9	28	5
S.M. Hellas	0	2	11	13	42	2

NORTHCOTE HANGS ON

NORTHCOTE 2 (Gorman 28th, Moore 35th) **FAWKNER 1** (Cazzella 73rd) at John Cain Reserve. Sunday.

NORTHCOTE: Ostrowsky 7 - Carter 7, Backis 7, Cranny 7, Gorman 6 - Wilson 9, Moore 8, Wright 7 - Sahindis 7, Tsetos 5, Culina 6. Coach: Tony Vezina.
FAWKNER: Terzini 6 - Sabbadini 5, Kondarios 6, Fattore 6, Schipano 5 - B. Sabidussi 7, Bozakis 7, C. Sabidussi 6 - Palinkas 5 (Palmaricciotti 75th), Tuffield 5, Cozzella 5. Coach: Cedo Cirikovic.

Poor finishing by Northcote almost cost it dearly as Fawkner poured on the pressure in the last 15 minutes, forcing a series of corners, but failed to grab a

point at John Cain Reserve on Sunday.

The home side created the cleaner chances in the first half and could have led by a bigger margin than two goals at the interval. Branko Culina and Spiro Tsetos were the principal Northcote culprits in the poor finishing department. In the 15th minute Gary Cutler played the ball down the right to Jim Sahindis whose cross found Culina on the left of the Fawkner area with just Terzini confronting him. The former Melbourne Croatia and Blacktown, striker hesitated, allowing Terzini to come off his line, then shot straight at the Fawkner goalie. Two minutes later a Culina



Polonia social club vice-president Eileen Shea (left) and club secretary Jan Shaw.

Polish soirees

A sign of future trends in promoting soccer clubs can be seen at Polonia, which formed a new-look social club last month.

Social committees and activities long have been a part of club soccer but the introduction of youthful administrators, not necessarily avid soccer followers, who organise enterprising social events as an alternative to traditional bingo nights, raffles and dances, should go a long way toward introducing new members and sources of finance to broaden Polonia's support base.

Polonia's social club season already has kicked off with a successful river cruise on the Yarra and the social committee now is busy planning a fashion parade and cocktail party at the Winton Town Club this month.

Social club president, Eric Rybar, aims to make Polonia number one in Victorian soccer in season 983, both on and off the field.

PATHETIC POLONIA!

MELBOURNE CROATIA 3 (Cumming 29th, Brogan 48th, Antolovic 75th), **MARIBYR-NONG POLONIA 0** at Olympic Park No. 1, Sunday.

CROATIA: Blasby 6 - Hannah 7, Adams 7, Parton 7, Blavier 7 (Boic 86th), Biskic 6, Faulkner 6, Antolovic 6, Gajovic 6 - Cumming 8 (Lafit 81st), Brogan 7. Coach: John Gardner.
POLONIA: Dzielakowski 6 - Lipiarski 5, Mila 8, McCluskey 6, Smolarek 6 - Marshall 7, P. Czapnicki 5, Tront 6, A. Czapnicki 5, G. Petrov 5 (Krysinski 50th), Przybyla 4. Coach: Mike Lynn.

For a team with championship ambitions, Polonia was much too casual on Sunday and without Stefan Mila, would have looked much too average. It had no bite up front, looked clumsy in defence and whatever the midfielder was to do seemed to have an end to itself rather than build up for attacking moves.

On top of that the age, and excessive weight, of some of its players makes it a rather slow team that can do well only because of its skillful brand of soccer, but not against a talented and business-like team like Croatia. To make things worse for coach Mike Lynn, feared opportunist striker Janusz Przybyla received a heavy knock near the end of the first half and had to leave the field for a few minutes to receive treatment. The obvious effect of the knock, plus the anticipation and strength of the Croatian defence, effectively put him out of the game.

It was Mila who gave Polonia some respectability with his whirlwind forward moves from the sweeper's position, especially after his team was two goals down, but with a shot by forward line Mila would have had to put the ball in the opposing net himself to give his great effort any effectiveness.

Croatia revelled against an opposition that seemed tailor-made to make it look at its best and should have come away with a much bigger score had it employed three "full time" forwards and kept Tommy Cumming on the wing. For the first half-hour the diminutive dynamo was at the centre of the attack and crowded by McCluskey and Mila who were towering over him and cleared most attacks (mainly high balls) with little effort.
As soon as he moved to the left Cumming slotted in the first goal of the day from an Antolovic pass, in the 29th minute. Previously he had missed, under pressure, many times and had seen Dzielakowski save one of his bending corner kicks that, aided by the breeze, had headed straight for the back of the net. Brogan, Hannah and Biskic also had missed narrowly.
In the 48th minute Faulkner put in motion Cumming on the right and the winger raced forward then cut inside and shot from close range. Dzielakowski dived but only managed to deflect the ball into the path of Brogan who tapped into the open goal.
At this stage Mila started storming out of defence in a vain effort to lift his side, but had few takers among his team mates.
In the 75th minute, with Polonia going forward, Antolovic trapped a clearance and jumped the Polonia defence at the midfield line and raced

towards goal to draw out Dzielakowski and shot past him.

With less than 10 minutes to go Latif was sent in to replace a tired Cumming and four minutes from the end Bozic was given a taste of the "big time" when he replaced valiant Blavier.

— ROCKY DI ZIO

AMETCO PLAYER AWARDS

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Voting for our Player of the Year award is on the 3-2-1 basis for each State League match. In the event of a tie, the player scoring most three votes will be declared the winner. This week's votes:

Box Hill v Croydon: 3 Verrechia (BH); 2 Wade (C); 1 Priestley (BH).
Wilhelmina v S.M. Hellas: 3 van Egmond (W); 2 Gibson (W); 1 Vardaxis (SMH).

Northcote v Fawkner: 3 Wilson (N); 2 Moore (N); 1 Sabidussi (F).
Ajax v Doveton: 3 Short (A); 2 Thurlow (D); 1 Webster (D).

Croatia v Polonia: 3 Mila (P); 2 Cumming (C); 1 Biskic (C).

Albion v Juventus: 3 Hird (J); 2 Lloyd (J); 1 P. Bannan (J).

Morwell v S.G. Cross: 3 Bain (SGC); 2 Bennett (SGC); 1 Evans (M).

Progressive votes:
16 - Moore (Northcote)
15 - Tuffield (Fawkner)
14 - Mila (Polonia)
13 - MacLean (Morwell)
12 - Cumming (Croatia), Kalifatidis (SMH), Hird (Juventus).

Leading scorers:
11 - Paul Lewis (Ajax)
9 - Cumming, Latif (Croatia)
8 - McGuinness (Morwell)
7 - Toal, Smallman (Ajax), Gilder, Pate (S.G. Cross), Nolan (Croydon), Cozzella (Fawkner).

A 32-team National Cup?

a third club from South Australia and a third from Queensland.

It also includes a recommendation on promotion and relegation.

Approved applicants for promotion to the NSL "may" be required to play off home and away against the law and second-last teams in the NSL that season.

The criteria for promotion would be:

- on-field achievement;
- player/official facilities;
- condition of pitch;
- youth policy;
- spectator support;
- adherence to league and ASF management requirements;
- public spectator facilities;
- financial stability and capacity;
- administrative efficiency;
- good conduct and behaviour record.

adherence to league and ASF marketing requirements.
The NSL also recommends that the national youth league be extended to include the 24 NSL clubs and that the league be conducted within basic federation boundaries.

Each NSL club would have to spend at least 10 per cent of its total budget on a youth programme, and employ a youth coach.

The proposal also covers the National Cup competition.

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There would be 32 participants, comprising the 24 NSL clubs plus the previous seasons' champion teams from the top leagues of NSW, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia, Tasmania, ACT and Northern NSW.

They would be split into two regions of 16 teams each.

As part of the 24-team proposal, the NSL recommends also that its member clubs should participate in State-organised Cup competitions, like the Ampol Cup.

It also supports an eight-State interstate series played in October, and wants the right to play one or more club teams from overseas to help boost NSL funds.

And the NSL proposes producing a league programme common to all clubs, and to sell the programme through newsagents.

"All other local programmes should be banned," the NSL says in its recommendation.

If there is no change to the NSL, each of the 16 member clubs would have to pay an affiliation fee of \$21,000 towards the budget.

If the 16 teams are regionalised, the cost to each club would be cut to \$8000.

A 24-team regionalised com-

petition would cut the affiliation fee further, to \$7000.

The NSL proposed a new NSL management committee comprising:

- one delegate from each State Federation which provides one or more club to the NSL, to a total of six;
- an equal number of delegates elected by the NSL member clubs — three from each conference;
- the ASF president;
- ex-officio members — the executive director of the ASF, the ASF commercial director and the manager of the NSL.

The NSL also wants all NSL clubs affiliated with their respective State Federations and given voting rights within the federations. The league suggests that the States should make State executive and board positions available to the NSL clubs.

Administration of the regions should be the responsibility of the State federation secretaries.

In giving its reasons for the need to regionalise, the NSL points out that in 1982, the league had to pay \$510,000 on transport — about \$32,000 per club.

It adds that under present conditions, the league is not good TV material because of lack of game attractiveness and insufficient crowd sup-

Thirds have Vigor

The Vigor Health and Fitness Thirds League, run by Metro Fourth Division outfit, Moorabbin City, is in its fourth season.

The VSF doesn't recognise the competition, which was started to fill the void left by the federation when it decided to axe its own thirds competition about two months before the start of the 1980 season. The move left about 28 VSF member clubs in the lurch, with no league in which to allow their split of players from first and reserve team ranks to compete.

Through the hard work of Tony Morgan and Peter Crawford, the thirds competition has grown in status to the point

where it now boasts sponsorship from the Vigor Health and Fitness organisation. The membership of the competition has changed since its inception with just Moorabbin City, Sandringham City, Fernree Gully, Monash University, remaining from the original 12-team league. The present 12-team league consists of Doncaster Rovers, Nunawading City, North Dandenong, Boroonia, Greenborough, Rosanna, Hampton Park, Monbulk, Moorabbin, Sandringham, Fernree Gully and Monash.

Big reunion at Nuna

Metro Second Division club Nunawading City is holding a gala reunion night on Saturday, July 16, to celebrate its 10th anniversary.

The night will be held at Nuna's clubrooms at Mahoney's Road Reserve, Forest Hill, starting at 7.30 pm.

For further information contact Sergio Berardini at work on 879 4141 or Tim Moore at work on 606 6026.

REGIONAL RUNNERS-UP



The central region squad which finished runner-up in the Victorian under-14 regional championships. Back row: Z. Ciator (coach), P. Trimboli (Brighton), E. Zaphiris (Beaumaris), A. Dallas (S.M. Hellas), G. Roufos, F. Pannier, K. White, P. Dixon (Brighton), F. Krista (Sandringham), B. White (team manager). Front row: T. Rizopoulos (S.M. Hellas), T. Kozbanis (Malvern City), M. Michalopoulos (Port Melbourne), J. Vagenas (S.M. Hellas), F. Mihalopoulos, T. Kozbanis (Malvern City).

SPORTS

HAIL THE HILLMEN!

BOX HILL 2 (Priestley 60th, Ramos 72nd) CROYDON 0 at Wembley Park, Sunday.

BOX HILL: McKinlay 6 - J. Roodhouse 7, Bramwell 7, Gabrielson 7, Roodhouse 8 - Hughes 6, Miranda 7, McDonald 7 - Ramos 7, Verachia 8 (inj. Azevedo 80th), Priestley 8. Coach: Bill Murray.

CROYDON: Kastner 6 - Rainey 5 (Loughane 78th), McCombe 6, Brown 6, Hobson 7, Nolan 6 (Dobson 72nd), Rooney 6, Wade 8 - Irvine 8, Sweeney 6, Macleod 5. Coach: Bill McKArthur.

Superb performances from Box Hill's twin strikers, Peter Verachia and Paul Priestley, sunk Croydon here. This loss makes Croydon's top four hopes slim, unless its spiritless display was just a flash in the pan.

With Joe Sweeney and Gus Macleod rarely sighted, due to

superb defensive work from Don Brownlie and young John Gabrielson, Croydon looked inept going forward. Steve Irvine out wide on the right was the exception. The former Doveton forward "skinned" Alan Roodhouse time and again but Croydon failed to give Irvine enough of the ball in the latter stages and paid the penalty.

Speaking of penalties, Box Hill's "Carmen" Miranda missed one, in the 70th minute. A minute earlier vociferous Croydon appeals for a penalty against Ian Roodhouse, were turned down. Roodhouse had controlled a Sweeney shot on his own goal line then thumped the ball clear.

The tempo of the game quickly picked up in the second half after a fairly colorless first period.

Box Hill hit the front in the 60th minute when Verachia played the ball inside from the

right to Priestley who smacked it low and hard into the far corner of goal from 14 metres.

Croydon's hopes of getting back into the match ended in the 72nd minute. A superb interpassing move, starting on the left of Box Hill's defensive half, found Priestley in possession on the left wing. He played the ball inside to Verachia who knocked it wide to the right and Pedro Ramos struck it first time past Lou Kastner and inside the near post to make it 2-0.

Paul Wade was the pick of the midfielders. Tall, elegant, always beautifully balanced and composed, it was Wade's heading ability which posed a bigger threat to Box Hill than that of Sweeney or Macleod. A Wade header just wide of the far post in the first half and late in the game another Wade header was headed off the line by Andy Hughes.

MORWELL FALCONS 2 (Evans 35th, McGuinness 59th) SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 3 (Pate penalty 39th, Bain 57th, Gilder 66th) at North Cringian Reserve, Sunday.

MORWELL FALCONS: White-side 6 - Bingham 6, Irvine 6, Higham 6, Train 6 - Young 6, Macdon 6, O'Callaghan 6 - Mitten 7, Evans 7, Coach: Tony Boggi.

SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS: Connor 7 - McKinnay 7, O'Reilly 7, Scott 7, Taylor 7 - Stevenson 7, Bennett 7, Pate 7 - McGuire 7, Gilder 7, Bain 8. Coach: Tommy Traynor.

COMBINE SET TO SIGN JOVANOVIC

Sunshine-George Cross is close to clinching the signing of midfielder Stohodan Jovanovic from Footscray JUST. The combine seems to have lost interest in gaining the signature of Alan Kerr from North Perth Croatia. We understand that JUST will accept a \$5000 cash payment for Jovanovic's transfer. Previously, the Yugoslav sponsored club asked for \$8000 for the talented ball player.

Morwell hit the front in the 35th minute from an Alun

Evans goal after combine sweeper Jim O'Reilly was beaten near the by-line, but four minutes later scores were level.

Mick McGorian was body checked inside the Morwell area and the referee immediately pointed to the penalty spot. Norrie Pate converted. Earlier, Pate almost got onto the end of a fine header from Carl Gilder, but was thwarted by the muddy conditions.

Roger Bain put Sunshine-

George Cross ahead in the 57th minute with a hard, low shot from an extremely tight angle about 15 metres out.

Morwell levelled two minutes later when Alan Connor only could carry a hard Evans shot from close range and Bobby McGuinness, following in, struck the rebound into the unguarded goal.

The goal of the game came in the 66th minute. John Stevenson put McGorian in possession on the right. The former Slavia and Frankston Pines star beat a defender then crossed to the far post where Gilder headed in to make it 3-2.

Nick returns in style

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 4 (Burton 18th, Garvey 60th, Brooks 70th, Bakker 79th) SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 2 (Bekiaris 8th, Kalambokis 85th) at Jubilee Park, Sunday.

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA: van Egmond 8 - Pasman 6, Gibson 7, Brooks 7, G. Haupt 6 - Bakker 7, Burton 7, Carr 6, Cummings 7, Thom 7, McGarvey 6. Coach: Nick van Egmond.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: Perreae 6 - Kakantoni 6, Kallistidis 6, Vardas 7, Kaler 5 - Bekiaris 6, Bodinovski 6, Abraham 5 (Pasman 82nd), Cummings 7 (Kakantoni 80th) - Egan 6, Kalambokis 5. Coach: Jim Armstrong.

to do his penance with Hellas' State League side and when he was brought down by David Brooks and a penalty given, it looked as if Wilhelmina was in trouble. Player-coach van Egmond had other ideas, lining himself up full stretch to save Cummings well struck attempt.

Hellas had taken the lead inside the first 10 minutes when a hard, low cross from the right struck van Egmond's chest and Chris Bekiaris scored from the rebound.

A Ken Stewart free kick in the 18th minute was headed in by Barry Burton and scores were deadlocked at half time.

Not long after van Egmond's penalty save, Wilhelmira hit the front in the second period. A poor kick-out from Mark Perreae put Brian Thom in possession and new-comer Neil Garvey tucked away Thom's square pass to make it 2-1.

Stewart sidefooted on from a corner to the near post in the 70th minute. Garvey headed on and David Brooks buried the ball with a first time volley from the far post to give Wilhelmina a two goal cushion.

Then came the best goal of the match. Guy Bakker picked up possession well inside his defensive half. Hellas tried to play its customary offside play so Bakker took matters into his own hands. He shrugged off two tackles, he surged forward then broke clear and headed for goal. The former Croydon youngster capped a 50 metre run by rounding Perreae and knocking the ball into the empty net for a superb solo effort.

A bad back pass from Dave Gibson in the last few minutes let in Jim Kalambokis who slipped the ball under van Egmond's body to make it 4-2 but away Thom Wilhelmira had settled the issue.

Brighton axes Young

Metro Third Division club Brighton sacked player-coach Don Young last week and is trying to sign transfer listed Bertie Lutton from Northcote.

Young, ex-Richmond, Keilor Austria and Dandenong City, was in his third season as Brighton's player-coach. It is uncertain whether or not Lutton will take over as coach but Brighton is keen to sign the former Sydney City and South Melbourne Hellas star to bolster its flagging fortunes.

An Alan Quin penalty sunk Brighton 1-0 on Saturday at Silloth Reserve against home team Sandringham, which recently signed midfielder Paddy McElhinney from Kew Celtic.

METROPOLITAN DIVISION TWO NORTH DANDENONG 3 (D. Nelson 30th, Wainwright penalty 55th) DANDENONG CITY 1 (Ball 21st) at Lois Twolby Reserve, Saturday.

NORTH DANDENONG: Beamin 7 - Taylor 7, McMillan 9, Coats 8, Wainwright 9 - Byrne 7, R. Nelson 7, O'Connell 7 - Collier 8, D. Nelson 7, Mackie 8. Coach: Rob Nelson.

DANDENONG CITY: Price 7 - Duggan 7, Gadsby 6, Maitland 7, Porter 6 - Rae 6, Colville 6, Fox 7, Bell 6, van Dinteren 6, Kelly 5. Coach: Morris Davis.

OPINION

Whatever damage already had been done to the spirit of Brighton's players by their recent lack of success, was escalated by the committee's sacking of player-coach Don Young last week.

Brighton is last in Metro Third Division. Its outlook this season is decidedly gloomy. Nevertheless, against Sandringham in a local derby last weekend, Brighton players fought hard and only were denied a half time lead by amateurish finishing.

I understand that Young went under thanks to a 4-3 vote at committee level with one of the eight member committee abstaining. At the time of the committee's move, Brighton's first team players signed a petition demanding Young's reinstatement. The committee refused to budge.

Young averted a mass walk-out by telling the players that their planned action only would serve to further escalate the club's plight. He still was acting as player-coach on Saturday against Sandringham despite his sacking two days earlier. His loyalty is unquestionable.

The committee decision is appalling. It will only undermine the spirit of the players at a time when camaraderie and motivation to succeed despite the odds are paramount, not just to the immediate future of the club but also to its very existence.

When a side is scrapping for any point it can get, it doesn't need to be burdened by the weight of political unrest. The players were and still are right behind Young. Their loyalty to their coach has been blatantly undermined by the people they put in power.

HENNESSY SENT OFF

ALBION ROVERS 1 (Gray 36th) BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 2 (Lloyd 18th, Ged Bannan 79th) at Selwyn Park, Saturday.

ALBION ROVERS: McClellan 5 - Coyle 6, Hennessy 6, McClellan 6, Stuart 6, Farrie 7, Bennett 6, Dickinson 6, Gray 6 - Smart 6, Reilly 6 (Syvys 82nd). Coach: Hugh Murray.

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS: Clayton 7 - V. Bannan 6, P. Bannan 7, Drinocky 6, Mird 7 - G. Bannan 7, Rogers 6, Nelson 6 - Zinni 6, Lloyd 7, French 6. Coach: John Marchant.

equalised when Eddie Gray punched the ball into the corner of goal from a scramble in the Juventus penalty box.

The game progressed uneventfully until the closing 15 minutes when Juventus put more energy into its effort and netted the winner in the 79th minute when Vince Bannan took a free kick from the left flank and sent the ball high into the far corner of the box for Jim Nelson who headed into the path of Ged

Bannan who took a few steps then slammed the ball in. Two minutes later Ged Rannan beat the offside trap and ran towards goal, but Dean Hennessy brought him down with a blatant "professional foul" just outside the box and earned his marching orders.

Albion was impressive with its overall effort and could do much better with more firepower up front. It has no stars, but does not carry any dead-weight either.

ROCKY DI ZIO

This was a fiercely contested local derby. The tackling was ferocious with North Dandenong proving better in both the physical and skill departments.

With the breeze at its back in the first half, Dandenong City started off well when it struck the first blow after just 21 minutes. A bad mistake by North goalie David Beamish, when trying to snatch the ball off the head of John van Dinteren, set up Eddie Bell who put the visitors in front.

North hit back when David Nelson pounced on a bad square ball in Dandenong's defence, rounded the Dandenong keeper and tucked the ball into the unguarded goal in the 30th minute.

The winner came from the penalty spot after Alistair Taylor was sandwiched inside the Dandy area. Man-of-the-match David Wainwright converted well and North held firm for the remainder of the match to run out a deserved 2-1 victor.

SELECTIONS

METROPOLITAN

Saturday One: Albion City v Bell Park (Inver)
Western Suburbs v Broadmeadows (Frankston)
PRINCE'S KNOLL CITY v Richmond v UDONGA
TECH REVIEW v Moorabbin v Kew City (Inver)
Melbourne v Altona City (Inver).

DIVISION TWO

Saturday Heidelberg Argonauts v Thornhill
(Inver) ST JAMES v Kew City (Inver)
Surrey v Kew City (Inver) Ringwood v
Serbia. **Sunday** City v Dandenong City (Inver).
NORTH DUNDONING v ABERNATHY
SPRINGVALE v Kew City (Inver) Kew City (Inver)
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DIVISION THREE

Saturday CAMFIELD CITY v Colong. SOUTH
MELB v Moorabbin v Kew City (Inver) GLEN
RINGHAM CITY v Etnah. PORT MELBOURNE v
Yallourn. MORNINGTON v Heidelberg Suburbs
JANUARY United v Princes City. RYAL RICH-
MOND v Brighton.

DIVISION FOUR

Saturday GLENCOE v NORTH GLENCOE. Ro-
sedale. Essendon. Traralgon. GLEN
SOUTHGATE. KARINGAL United v Femara Glen
MOORABBIN City v Westham. CORIO v Kerse-
brook. ROSEBUD v Wanden Ranges.

PROVISIONAL

Saturday Essendon v Moorabbin City.

DIVISION ONE

Saturday Balaclava v BULLEN. HAWKSWOOD
v Carlton. Langwarrin v Chelsea (Inver) SHEP-
HARTON CITY v Clayton. Meehan v VICTORIA
HILL. MELB. BRUNSWICK v Melton. YARRAVILLE
v Loder United.

DIVISION TWO

Saturday Central City v Potters Park (Inver)
South Dandenong v ASHBURTON TASSEA
REGENT v Berwick City. MALVERN CITY v
Newsworld United. Moorabbin City v Berwick
JANUARY United v Cranbourne v SOUTH
YARRA v Kyneton.

DIVISION THREE

Saturday WEST GLENCOE v Brunswick City
City of Melbourne v SPRINGVALE UNITED. MIT
CHAM v Bermar. WEST MELBOURNE v Chelms-
ford. Kew City (Inver) VICTORIA VALLEY v MIA
DALLAS CITY v Cheltenham. KAMPFMAN WANCE
Ries v Altona United.

DIVISION FOUR

Saturday DIAMOND VALLEY v Balaclava Lake
SEAFORD v Dingley. PORT UNITED v East Car-
leton. PARRAMATTA v GLENCOE United. NORTH SUI-
THORPE v Macclesfield United. MURRAY RANGES
MURRUMBidgee. LYNDALE United v Moolumb.
YOUTH LEAGUE
DIVISION 7A

Saturday Fawkner v MELBOURNE CRAIG.

Down by two, then McBreen strikes

Meno Toutsidis

Adel. City 2
Wollongong 2

Scorers: Banfield (pen) 11th, Dods 43rd; Wollongong — McBreen 78th and 83rd.
Crowd: 900
Ground: Olympic Sports Field
Weather: Cool
Referee: Don Campbell 7
ADELAIDE CITY: McNally 8 — Dods 7, Banfield 7, Flounders 7, Shillaber 7, B Nyskohus 7, Melta 8, Blair 7 — Rankin 8, Maxwell 6, Wright 8
WOLLONGONG: Vardareff 7 — Willis 7, Ainsworth 7, Dunleavy 7, Kerr 7, Pollard 7, Fleming 7, McBreen 8, Caffrey 7 — Dickson 7 (Green 70th), Cotton 8.

Adelaide City saw its

visions of third spot on the league table dissipate into a blur when Wollongong's Jim McBreen scored twice late in the second half to force a 2-2 draw at Olympic Sports Field.

The game was a round 14 fixture which along with the remaining seven games was postponed until October to make way for the England-Australia international.

But City was given permission to play because Olympic Sports Field will not be available in October due to an athletics program.

City, seventh before the match, had three points securely in its grasp at half time when Neil Banfield converted a penalty kick in the 11th minute and Glen Dods

fired a rocket from outside the box moments before half time. But McBreen almost ruined City's afternoon when he headed Wollongong's first goal in the 78th minute and five minutes later struck a fierce rising drive from outside the penalty area.

So City, which would have moved into third spot behind Newcastle and leader Preston, must be satisfied with fifth spot, although St George, APIA, Brisbane City, Marconi and Olympic, each with two games in hand, can easily displace them.

Both sides were below full strength. City were without Charley Villani, Les Carter and Phil Cole, while Wollongong had top scorer Phil O'Connor on national team duty.

A blast for kids' coaching

From p.3

"The underlying reason for our failure to go further in a competition in which I thought we had a great chance of doing well in, is the lack of proper coaching in nurturing and polishing our local talent. And that problem, which exists on a national scale, is the number one drawback to the progress of the game here. Forget about cosmetics like ethnic names, bad grounds and administrative cock-ups. Lack of good coaching for our young players is the root of the evil in Australian soccer."

Cosmetic band aid, call it what you will. The ethnic club names policy of the ASF has been a source of controversy since its institution and Murray has definite views on the subject.

"Ethnicity is important. The game here wouldn't exist without it. The soccer revolution in Australia was started by migrants and there's nothing wrong with that. We live in a multi-cultural society.

"Deliberate abandoning of ethnic club names serves no

particular purpose other than as a cosmetic to appease a faction which would look on soccer as a foreign game. To hell with that. Juventus is as much a part of Australian sport as is St Kilda. Morally, no-one should be told to hide their identity.

"There have been no increases in crowd for forgetting about ethnic club names. I've seen migrants getting angry at the names being dropped. It hasn't chased them away from the games however, because they've got nothing else."

Crowds in Australian soccer have dropped alarmingly since the heady days of the 1980's. Murray simply puts the drop down to a lowering of the standard of the offering served up to the spectator.

"There were far more skillful players back in those days. They got more room and were encouraged to display their skills. There is no comparison between the present day champion Sydney City side and the Sydney City of the 60's. I remember how Sydney City used to play back in 1962, when 28,000 people went to watch the Grand Final between Hakoah,

as Sydney City was then called, and Budapest, which was St George's name in those times. It wasn't because of the ethnic club names that so many fans were at the game. It was because the football was so good."

Murray is disappointed that 0/28 isn't covering the Australia-England clashes. He congratulates West Nally on its decision to become heavily involved in Australian soccer and he applauds the ASF's attempt to try and market the game. "If it's good enough to be marketed," he adds. However, he is a staunch supporter of the amount of soccer shown on 0/28 and claims that the station holds a record which is unparalleled on a world wide scale.

"We have more soccer in volume and variety than any channel in the world. We show soccer from all over the world. I've lived in England, and I can assure you that the total amount of soccer shown by the BBC in a week, isn't half of what we show here."

So Murray's addiction to soccer can run rampant at 0/28. His hunger for the game is fed constantly but he hasn't become satiated to the point of

Australia next in Best's slide

Can you imagine Atti Abonyi or Adrian Alston hawking their services to minor clubs, say at \$50 a match?

Both having retired years ago, they would risk exposing themselves to the ridicule, if not pity, of fans who remember them as truly outstanding players.

Well, this is what two of the game's greats are doing right now.

George Best, due soon to join Brisbane Lions for a guest stint is one. Johan Cruyff, likely to sign for the insignificant French club Toulouse, is the other.

In many ways, they have had similar careers. For a start neither could live with sudden fame, and in his first and only match, drew a crowd four times larger than the average, then, after a pathetic display, during which he had to be substituted, came a quick exit of Hong Kong.

Now, with all his once unparalleled talents dissipated and well into the veteran stages, comes what he must surely consider the rock-bottom of Australia.

Cruyff hasn't come to that yet — but it may happen.

His years in Barcelona, following Ajax, were successful and profitable, for him that was really the end of the road.

Had they stayed with the clubs where they rose to world class, Manchester United and Ajax, both could have matched, even eclipsed the brilliance of Pele.

Best's career just about ended when he left Old Trafford, everything that came after that, including his numerous American sojourns, were whistle-stops on a downhill slope.

Obscure English, Scottish and Irish clubs, weekly contracts, more quick trips to the USA and back again to Britain followed at frequent intervals.

Last November he turned up in Hong Kong and, in his first and only match, drew a crowd four times larger than the average, then, after a pathetic display, during which he had to be substituted, came a quick exit of Hong Kong.

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0/28 explains match choices

SIR, — I refer to the letter from Alex Talevski of Nunawading ("Soccer Action, 25/5/83) who asks under what criteria does Channel 0/28 choose its Sunday evening Match of the Day and suggests that Preston should have been featured more often.

Let me say at the outset that reflecting on Preston's present good form and league position, one can only sympathise with Mr Talevski's views.

However the difficulty is that for reasons of logistics (the booking of outside broadcast units, communication facilities etc) the matches have to be chosen weeks in advance and one, sadly, cannot predict that far ahead who will be leading or playing well in the championship.

More form being thus hindered as the main criterion, the matches are chosen based on a combination of other factors. The main one of these is that, if possible, the match be of interest in both Melbourne and Sydney. As Channel 0/28 does not yet transmit to areas outside these cities, and interstate stations do not take the coverage, Mr Talevski will probably note that none of the Matches of the Day this year has featured teams from Brisbane, Newcastle, Wollongong, Canberra or Adelaide.

This should explain how six of the ten matches featured so far have involved teams from both Melbourne and Sydney. The other four, where Melbourne versus Sydney confrontations were not sufficiently tantalising, were made up of local derbies.

In the first ten rounds of the campaign Preston had been paired with Sydney opponent three times and one of those (against Sydney City at the Connor Reserve) was the Match of the Day. On only two such occasions therefore was Preston overlooked.

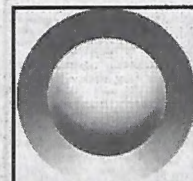
Let me run through the first ten NSW Matches of the Day and why we chose the matches that we did.

(ROUND 1) Marconi v South Melbourne. On this day Preston played Footscray, featuring both teams from Melbourne. Big-spending South Melbourne's first outing, against the former champions, and against Rale Rasic's former club, was by far the round's most attractive fixture. No one, with the best of wills, could have foretold at this time that Preston would lead the championship six weeks hence.

(ROUND 2) South Melbourne v Sydney Olympic. Billed as probably the match of the year, the enormous promise of both teams, not to mention the combination of players, made this the obvious choice. On the same day, Preston met Heidelberg. Had that match been chosen, the viewing audience would have been denied a game that attracted 15,000 plus fans.

(ROUND 3) Sydney Olympic v Sydney City. Preston played St George on the Saturday.

(ROUND 7) Footscray v Marconi. On this day Preston met Leichhardt in Sydney. Our policy of alternating the venues between Sydney and Melbourne wherever possible that week took our cameras to Melbourne. Though cameras



had nothing of course to do with it, our viewers were luckily treated to four goals at the Schintler Reserve while Preston's game with Leichhardt ended in a scoreless draw.

(ROUND 10) Sydney Olympic v St George. Again the draw fell to a Sydney match while Preston were playing South Melbourne, at the time in gloomy times, at Middle Park. Admittedly the choice would otherwise have not been easy.

But, like Preston, last year's runners-up St George had not been featured on Match of the Day while again, fortunately for our viewers, there were three goals to be seen at Pratten Park while no goals fell at Middle Park.

(ROUND 11) Preston v Sydney City was our Match of the Day.

In rounds 4, 5, 6 and 8 Preston played against opposition outside of Sydney or Melbourne while round 9 was postponed because of the NSW v Queensland Fixture.

I trust this will demonstrate why Preston was not featured more often on Match of the Day. Choosing matches of the day in soccer is almost like choosing national teams, for every ten people asked, there are likely to be ten different opinions. But we do try to be fair to all clubs in our presentation of soccer, whether it be on Match of the Day, or on our other soccer programs. As I mentioned, the choice of the Match of the Day on 0/28 is based on a combination of factors, meant as far as the NSL draw will allow us to ensure that the program content has the widest possible interest and is fair to all. Singling out teams we wish to avoid is certainly not one of them.

(ROUND 12) Marconi v South Melbourne. On this day Preston played Footscray, featuring both teams from Melbourne. Big-spending South Melbourne's first outing, against the former champions, and against Rale Rasic's former club, was by far the round's most attractive fixture. No one, with the best of wills, could have foretold at this time that Preston would lead the championship six weeks hence.

JOHN ROWLEY (Producer)

THE ANDREW DETTRE COLUMN



The American experiments didn't quite work, even the great Cruyff failed to save from either extinction or mediocrity the Washington Diplomats and Los Angeles Aztecs.

A brief, mysterious stay with lowly Spanish club Hercules followed, then a return — fairly successful for sentimental reasons — to Ajax. And now, Toulouse. I should really stay too loose.

Having seen both of them at their peak, I rate them as the greatest European players since the 1950s, together with Beckenbauer.

Best, in the 1968 European Cup final against Benfica, was the embodiment of footballing aristocracy. Fair, wise and graceful — plus deadly finishing.

He had the skill of a Matthews, the power of a Law and the mystery of a Garrincha all combined — an Irish genius in the class of Bernard Shaw.

Cruyff had every attribute to become a second Di Stefano, the complete player — playmaker, organiser, prompter, schemer and finisher.

His displays in the 1974 World Cup — especially against the bewildered Uruguay in Hanover and then against Brazil — will remain among the classics.

He seldom reproduced that form in Barcelona and hardly ever in the USA. What's left for Toulouse?

I find it unbelievably sad that so many soccer greats follow in the footsteps of puny drunk boxers: pick up bits in Hollywood, become bouncers in Vegas casinos, get hit with vagrancy or petty theft charges in police courts. Shades of Graziano, Joe Louis, Lionel Rose.

I don't know what Brisbane Lions really expect from George Best. I wouldn't like to guess how his visit will turn out.

I hope they won't burn their fingers and that they get value for their investment. I'd love to also believe that Best has read some of Shaw's plays.

If he has, he may be tempted to turn himself into a modern-day Andreoles and become the man who is curing the current ailments of the Lions.

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ADELAIDE CITY JU- VENTUS 2 (Banfield pen, Dods) WOLLONGONG 2 (McBreen 2) at Olympic Sports Field. Crowd about 900. Votes by Meno Toutsidis:	Kosmina (SC), Skeen (StG), Blair (SM).
6. McBreen (W), 5. Rankin (AC), 4. Melta (AC), 3. Wright (AC), 2. Cotton (W), 1. McNally (AC).	16. Patikas, Soper (SO)
Leaders:	15. Dakos (SO), Holford (SM), Jankovics (Marc), Melta (AC).
37. Yankos (H),	14. Jones (N), Gomez (SC), Gray (APIA), P. Tre- dinnick (APIA), Dunn (WA).
36. Banfield (AC)	13. McKie (H), Heys (WA), Russell (SM), T. Byrne (C).
34. O'Connor (W)	12. Dunleavy (W), Pullen (APIA), Sprout (WA), Riz- tozo (M).
33. Tokesi (BC)	11. Gosling, H. Tredinnick, Mason (N), Ward, McMillan (BC), Bruce, S. O'Connor (SC), Mariani (APIA), Kath- olos, Jennings (SO), Budini (M), Blair (AC).
32. Greedy (St G)	10. Preston (W), Liddell (BC), Kelso, Wright (BL), McGachey (WA), Brown (M), Parina (C).
29. Hoszowski (C)	Top scorers:
28. Bradley (APIA)	6. Luccesi (Mak), O'Con- nor (W), Kosmina (SC), Soper (SO).
27. Jones (Mak)	5. Mountford (Newc), Ward (Mak), Egan (SM), Gomez (SC), Bradley (A- PIA).
26. Burke (N)	4. Lowe (N), Hamilton (BC), Bryant (C), Mullen (AC).
25. Bryant (C)	3. Jones (N), G. Campbell (Mak), Cotton, Fleming (W), Tokesi (BC), Kelso, Wright (BL), Mitchell (SC), J. Campbell, Lea (H), Mor- sello (APIA), Slater, (StG), Attas (WA), Brown (SM), Jankovics, Winn (Marc), Gibson, Redmond (C), Rankin (AC).
24. G. Campbell (Mak), B. Nyskohus (AC)	
23. Belic (JUST), Luc- chesi (Mak), Spanos (H), Henderson (Marc)	
22. Odzakov (Mak), Rat- cliffe (St G), Sermanni (Marc)	
21. Carroll, Kyriakoulas (JUST), Vietstra (W), Da- vidson (SM)	
20. Murphy (SM)	
19. Lowe (N), Boland (JUST), Perry (BC), R. Stewart (BL), Kay (SC), Bertogna (APIA)	
18. Flavell (Mak), Schar- mann (APIA), Stone (StG), Honevman (WA)	
17. Watson (N), Hamilton (BC), McCulloch (Marc), Gibson (C), Hunter (BL),	

NATIONAL LEAGUE STANDINGS

Last week's standings in brackets:										HOME away			
		W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Gls	Pts
1.	(1) Preston Makedonia	5	1	0	12	3	2	3	1	9	6	21:9	22
*2.	(2) Newcastle KB United	3	3	0	8	2	3	0	2	11	6	19:8	22
3.	(3) Sydney City Hakoah	3	3	0	10	3	2	1	3	7	13	17:16	11
*4.	(4) St George Budapest	4	2	0	7	4	1	1	3	2	4	11:8	11
5	(5) Adelaide Juventus	3	2	1	9	7	2	1	4	6	10	15:17	11
*6	(6) APIA-Leichhardt	4	1	0	12	3	1	1	4	6	10	18:13	11
7	(7) Heidelberg-Alexander	4	1	1	8	2	0	4	2	2	7	10:9	11
*8	(8) Brisbane City	3	1	2	11	10	1	3	1	5	8	16:18	11
*9	(9) Sydney Olympic	1	1	3	6	5	3	2	1	8	5	14:10	11
10	(10) West Adelaide Hellen	3	2	3	7	7	1	2	2	4	6	11:13	11
11	(11) South Melbourne Hellen	2	2	2	8	8	2	1	3	6	10	14:18	11
12	(12) Canberra Arrows	4	1	1	15	5	0	1	6	5	11	20:16	11
*13	(13) Marconi-Fairfield	3	2	1	11	11	1	1	4	5	6	16:17	11
*14	(14) Brisbane Lions	3	0	2	12	5	0	1	5	4	21	18:25	11
15	(15) Foots JUST	1	2	3	4	13	1	2	3	4	10	8:23	11
16	(16) Wollongong	0	4	1	6	7	1	2	4	11	16	17:23	11

*Match in hand. xxx Played one extra game

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How they fared at the SCG AUSTRALIA

TERRY GREEDY: Sound international debut in goal, highlighted by a diving save of Trevor Francis' free kick in the first half. Came on consistently to the few balls played high from the flanks and had good communication with the defenders in front of him.

CHARLIE YANKOS: Completely unflappable in his first game as sweeper. Positioned himself faultlessly, was in command of even the most difficult situations — like when he stopped a potentially deadly England attack by slugging Gordon Cowans from behind as Cowans was racing into the penalty area during the second half. When the draw became more and more a possibility, he did the right thing in slowing play down by using his goalkeeper Terry Greedy. He was booed constantly for that, but it didn't worry him at all, and wedged in the Australians' cockiness when Yankos, Ratcliffe and Jennings played some lazy triangles in defence waiting for openings further upfield.

ALAN DAVIDSON: You can't get a bad game from him when he wears the green and gold. His game included everything — a powerful clearing header inside the area in the first half, desperate tackles, relentless closing down of opponents and his fanatic determination to get forward and join in the attacks — especially in the first half when he was more a forward than a defender. The introduction of winger John Barnes as a second-half substitute presented Davidson with new problems, and although Barnes managed a few dangerous raids, Davidson readjusted his game, concentrating less on getting forward than nullifying Barnes. A performance of tremendous grit and flashes of commendable skill.

STEVE O'CONNOR: His job was to mark Luther Blissett and Blissett certainly knew he'd been in a contest until Robson replaced him with Paul Walsh just after half time. O'Connor nor then picked up Walsh who was rarely sighted. Also contributed to lead-up play when possible.

DAVID RATCLIFFE: Had probably the most difficult defensive job, having

to tag \$2 million man Trevor Francis. The Spondonia star is an instinctive player of great skill and flair, a player who runs endlessly and bamboozles opponents wherever he goes on the field. It was to Ratcliffe's everlasting credit that he followed Francis everywhere, never losing concentration. When necessary, Ratcliffe used the professional foul to stop Francis — which saved Australia from disaster at the edge of the box at least once. Ratcliffe was also at hand to stop other England forwards in a performance during which he put behind him the lingering memories of the series against New Zealand early this year.

GRAHAM JENNINGS: Playing left back, he was the least conspicuous of the defenders, venturing forward only occasionally, but nevertheless offering himself whenever free as an optional target for passes going forward. He gave Mark Barham too much room in the first half, but took a tighter hold of the English flanker as the game wore on.

JOE WATSON: It was a tribute to Watson that Derek Statham found it necessary to spend much more time marking his man than venturing forward. Used his skill well to hold the

ball when necessary on the wing, and combined well with Alan Davidson. Delivered probably the best cross of the game for Kosmina and Phil O'Connor, who just failed to reach it in the middle, and put a shot on target which Shilton saved. Came off in the second half due to cramp.

JIM CANT: A commendable performance by the Sydney City player whose inclusion was criticised from the start. It was he who had Australia's best chance at goal, picking up the rebound as Peter Katholos's shot was blocked, and bringing a fine save from Shilton. He was on hand to clean up dangerous situations all over the field, showed a bit of skill and all in all emerged as a strong midfield anchor man.

PETER KATHOLOS: Probably the best player of the match, Katholos was relied upon from the start to construct Australia's attack. When the ball was played forward, when Australia did not have possession, Katholos marked Steve Williams and when he did get the ball, he showed breathtaking skill in swerving and dribbling past his eminent opponents, and delivering incisive passes to fellow attackers Robson

and Katholos the ultimate compliment afterwards, saying "He looked an outstanding player, very creative, very strong, very good on the ball."

JOHN KOSMINA: Tireless running, fearlessness, and a constant willingness to mix it with Terry Butcher and Russell Osman, not to mention a promising shot at goal that whistled just over the bar, made captain Kosmina an example to his team mates. The striking positions are the most difficult to play effectively, especially in a team that doesn't come forward very often. Kosmina therefore had to scratch desperately for everything. He never gave in.

PHIL O'CONNOR: Had a difficult opponent in Danny Thomas, yet managed to use his skill a few times to outplay Thomas and get the ball inside. As was the case with Kosmina, O'Connor had to make his own luck without too much support, and he battled away gamely until replaced by David Mitchell.

DAVID MITCHELL: Came on in the 65th minute and put himself about as much as possible during the latter part of the game. On a pass from Katholos, he threatened the England defence but was forced wide until the chance was lost.

PETER STONE: Replaced Joe Watson for the last 10 minutes.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

Shilton stops Cant, Gregory misses

From page one
This confidence is reflected in the way Yankos comes out to challenge Derek Statham, take the ball from Statham's feet, continue his run and slip it coolly to Kosmina. England looks flustered.

They hadn't expected such strength of resistance. Fundamental mistakes creep into England's game, with Cowans missing the ball as he tries to pass square into the box after Luther Blissett has done the lead-up work.

But England is dangerous in flashes. Blissett, who threatens again, is put down ruthlessly by Steve O'Connor and as the ball rolls free to Trevor Francis.

David Ratcliffe muscled Francis out of the way at the edge of the box. Steve Williams tried something out wide and, CRUNCH, he is felled by Davidson.

Ratcliffe puts Francis on the deck again, and Yankos beats Francis inside the area to stop a dangerous attack in the 33rd minute.

Then Yankos takes an opportunity to show off just little. Playing the ball out with no points near him, he elects to roll it under his foot and back-heel it cheekily to goalkeeper Greedy.

Francis is fouled again by Ratcliffe. He's clearly annoyed now, complaining heatedly to referee Boskovic.

The first shot at goal does not come until the 38th minute of play, and it's by Barham, much too high, after a lay-off from Blissett.

Who would have thought before the game that Australia could keep England at bay so long?

And Australia replies to Barham's shot almost immediately, when Joe Watson wriggles down the wing and plays a great cross, with Kosmina and Phil O'Connor pushing through in the middle. Fortunately for England, Terry Butcher boots the ball over the line for a corner before the Australian strikers can reach it.

And then Katholos outplays Williams stylishly in midfield and delivers a square pass to Kosmina whose shot whistles menacingly just over the top corner, prompting an enthusiastic roar from the 28,000 crowd.

Australia attacks yet again. This time Kosmina lays it back to Katholos for a shot that is blocked by the feet of defenders. The ball rebounds to Cant who drives it low and hard but Shilton pounces and stops the shot with difficulty.

Australia is looking superb in these last 10 minutes, but a free kick almost breaks the deadlock for England seconds before half time. Cant obstructs Gregory who is trying to run onto the ball at the edge of the box and Francis is the man who takes the free kick, trying to hard past the wall, only to see Greedy pouncing at the near post.

Seventeen "cowgirls" dressed in yellow and green dance to Willie Nelson singing "On the Road Again" at half time, while the now familiar Soccerroo music performs its own cute antics. Ken Murphy and Mike O'Shea, two of the Australian reserves, kick large

plastic balls bearing the Soccerroo logo into the crowd.

The teams are unchanged as they return for the second half, and within seconds, Greedy dives again to stop an angled shot from Francis.

And it's Francis who plays the corner from which Williams heads too high under pressure from Steve O'Connor.

England looks a little more determined now, and the team is hard done by in the 52nd minute when an offside decision is wrongly given. Williams chips the ball over the top, outside position at the time Williams strikes the ball. That move could have sunk Australia had it not been for the offside call, and the entire move was started once more by a fine run from Francis.

Danny Thomas, playing so well at right back for England, runs a long way, chasing the ball to the corner, but in the end, he has too much momentum and no control of his cross which goes behind the goal.

Francis continues his hard work, breaking through the defence, only to be stopped by a great tackle from Ratcliffe, just before Paul Walsh comes on to replace Blissett.

Then comes a promising shot by Watson, who hits it after the ball has come over from a free kick, but Shilton takes it on his chest to preserve the deadlock.

A header by Russell Osman goes over the bar, and then Yankos stops a run by Cowan with a neat sliding tackle from behind, at the edge of the penalty area.

It's Australia's turn to make a substitution now, bringing on David Mitchell for Phil O'Connor with 25 minutes to go.

Cowans goes to left back, and Barnes starts tormenting Australia on the left wing.

Yankos shows his class once more, taking the ball on his chest as Gregory tries to get past him, and after Francis has failed with an attempted overhead bicycle kick, Australia replaces Joe Watson, who has cramp, with Peter Stone.

Davidson is trying to steal some yards with a throw in, Boskovic orders him back, and Davidson does it again. Boskovic comes over to talk to Davidson, and while doing so, Gregory picks up the ball and throws it himself — a "transgression" for which Boskovic shows Gregory the yellow card.

Barnes is giving Davidson lots of problems now. He gets clear as Davidson slips and falls, and he drives in a low shot from an angle. It's going past the near post, but Greedy tries to save it anyway, and concedes a corner from which Gregory should have scored, with an unchallenge header. Australian coach Frank Ark admits afterwards that moment gave him "10 heart attacks all at once."

Indeed, it is the best scoring chance of the match.

Katholos sends Mitchell away on a raid but Mitchell is forced wide and eventually dispossessed, and then Barnes shoots too high at the other end.

Only about five minutes left now, so Yankos takes control at the back and starts wasting time.

Inter Milan had eyes on Walsh

Not since Trevor Francis' emergence over a decade ago, has the progress of a young striker been watched as closely in England as that of Paul Walsh.

For over three years, Walsh, who will be 21 in October, has been almost universally cited as a player of exceptional promise.

Excellent close ball control, awareness, a good shot, speed and — despite lacking height — power in the air, are attributes which have made him the great hope among English forwards.

As a schoolboy footballer, Walsh represented his native Blackheath and London. An outstanding all-round sportsman, he also won a Kent under-12 badminton championship.

To become a professional soccer player was always Walsh's ambition and he found both Charlton Athletic and Millwall eager to fulfill it upon leaving school. The former club was chosen — a club he had supported from infancy.

Walsh had played just three games for a Charlton team destined to finish bottom of Division Two when he gained his first junior international cap and was in the squad which won the 1980 UEFA Youth Tournament.

Under the guidance of England youth manager John Cartwright and Alan Mullery at Charlton, the youngster made remarkable headway during 1980-81.

Despite being heavily marked throughout the campaign, Walsh scored 11 vital goals as Athletic clawed its way back into Division Two.

At the higher level, he did even better — 13 goals for a distinctly mediocre combination.

Inevitably, England's premier clubs sent their scouts to view a player whom the Press was now raving about. Mullery though was adamant his best asset would not be sold, stating, "There is not enough money in football to buy him."

ENGLAND Statistics

England won the match on statistics, notching up six corners to Australia's one.

England also had nine attempts at goal, to Australia's three.

ENGLAND
First half: Barham — shot too high.
Francis — free kick saved low by Greedy.
Second half: Francis — angled shot saved by Greedy.

Williams — header, too high.
Osman — header, too high.
Osman — header, wide.

Barnes — low shot, going wide of near post.
Gregory — unchallenged header, wide.
Barnes — shot, too high.

AUSTRALIA
First half: Kosmina — shot, too high.
Cant — low shot, saved by Shilton.
Second half: Watson — volley shot, saved by Shilton.

ver, without too much evidence of an ability to surprise and improvise.

JOHN GREGORY: But for a refereeing mistake in the 53rd minute, which saw him pull up for an offside which quite simply wasn't, the England midfielder could well have scored — the all-important winner in his debut on the international scene.

LUTHER BLISSETT: Perhaps the biggest disappointment of the match, the strapping, athletically built striker looked menacing when moving off the ball, only to turn into something of a pussy-cat when faced with the stern attentions of David Ratcliffe and Steve O'Connor. His replacement half an hour from the end came as no great surprise.

TREVOR FRANCIS: The former wonder boy of British soccer has matured into a striker exuding class and sheer talent with his every move, on or off the ball. It was the Soccerroo's great good fortune that he was on his lonesome for almost all of the 90 agonising minutes his side had to suffer through. An in-form Blissett, or a Barnes at his peak along side him could spell serious trouble for Australia in Brisbane and Melbourne.

JOHN BARNES: A skilful and talented striker of marvellous abilities as witnessed by Aussie fans on television week after week, he had no chance to really stamp his mark on the proceedings in 20 short minutes but did pose a few problems.

PAUL WALSH: A prolific scorer in the English league, his A team debut ran aground on the rock of the resolute Soccerroo defence.

PETER SCOTT

BREFLY

By Peter Scott

All those English soccer fans who packed parts of the hill at the Sydney Cricket Ground, complete with flags, banners, trumpets and the rest of a bona fide pommy footy supporter's paraphernalia: What would it take to get them to the ground more than once every three or four years?

It is probably an impossible task and come to think of it, listening to some of their little choirs, mercilessly rubbing their own side long before the final whistle, who would want such supporters anyway?

Small business award of the year. To the enterprising vendor who flogged off hundreds of leftover tricolors from the last French Rugby tour to unsuspecting Brits at the Sydney Cricket Ground. Well, the blue-white-red was the right colour.

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Australian star Alan Davidson pursues John Barnes, who added bite to England's attack after coming on as a substitute. Pictures by LES SHORROCK.

England manager Bobby Robson puzzled the post-match Press conference by complaining about what he called Australia's defensive approach.

It was puzzling because he had said in the days leading up to the game that he knew Australia would play defensively and that he was con-

Robson: We couldn't break them down

fident that England's attacking game would overcome Australia's tactics.

"It was a disappointing spectacle for the public. My sympathy lies with them," Robson said.

"Both teams are to blame.

"Australia was out to get a result, but the way they played was not an advertisement for the sport.

"Sure, it was up to us to breakdown the Australian defence, but we couldn't do it."

Asked whether he was pleased with the four new caps in his teams — Danny Thomas (right back), Mark Barham (right flank), Steve Williams (midfield) and John Gregory (midfield), Robson said: "They all did quite well."

It all came out right for Mark

When winning a place among England's tourists, Southampton defender Mark Wright ended the season on a high note yet the campaign had threatened to be nothing more than a nightmare not too long ago.

Wright, it may be recalled, was detained by police following a UEFA Cup game in Sweden last September when accused of rape.

The charges were quickly dismissed, yet it was a traumatic experience and one which supporters of rival clubs would not let the young player forget quickly.

To add insult to injury, Southampton suffered elimination by Norkkoping during that UEFA Cup tie. At the time, they languished at the bottom of Division One and made early exits from both domestic Cup competitions too.

It says much for Wright's fighting qualities that he has emerged, in the intervening eight months, among the most promising central defenders in Britain.

The role he played in helping Southampton climb the league ladder was rewarded with selection for England's under-21 team and now he makes his senior international debut which will be made in Australia.

All in all, it's not at all bad for a player who before the recently completed term, had appeared in just 13 league games — and only three of these in Division One!

Born in Dorchester, Wright joined nearby Oxford United immediately upon leaving school.

Despite gaining a place in the England youth squad, he did not come into the public eye until appearing in a FA Cup tie for giantkiller Oxford United at Coventry. Oxford lost 0-4, but the youthful blond colossus in United's rear guard won a host of admirers that day, including Southampton manager Lawrie McMenemy, who signed him a month later.

The transfer was complex, involving one player (Trevor Hebbard), plus \$300,000 moving from Southampton to Oxford United, while Wright and striker Keith Cansell went in the opposite direction.

Standing 6'3" tall, the 19-year-old presents a formidable figure in the heart of defence, one which looks capable of wearing the England jersey regularly in the forthcoming years.

Australian fans may well be witnessing the start of a distinguished international career. — PAUL MOON

Arok: My greatest achievement every player

Australia's coach Frank Arok described the draw in Sydney as the greatest achievement of his coaching life: "My biggest thrill in soccer."

"All the players did a fantastic amount of running. Every Australian did twice as much running as any of the English players," he said.

"You've never seen John Kosmina running so much and working so hard. He was the captain and he led by example."

"This is the first point we've gained from England ever. It's made history."

Asked whether the English had posed any specific difficulties chance in the other two internationals, Arok said: "The first 11 who played today deserve to stay together. They gave us everything we could ever have asked of them."

"The only reason I took off Joe Watson was because he had cramp. I took off Phil O'Connor because at that point we needed a bit of freshness, and I thought we'd benefit from David Mitchell's extra height. He could have scored, as it turned out."

Asked whether the English had posed any specific difficulties during the match, Arok answered:

"We had all the difficulties in the world, but we overcame them."

He praised the marking job David Ratcliffe did on Trevor Francis. "I've never seen anyone doing such a job on Francis. He only turned twice on Ratcliffe. It was a tremendous effort. Charlie Yankos also was great. In fact, every player gave 100 per cent. With this sort of approach we would have killed New Zealand in the World Cup. Everyone was ready to die in this game."

He said all he told the players at half time was to keep playing the same way and to maintain their formation.

"With this formation it is very difficult for anyone to beat you," he said.

"We worked on it all the time at training. The players knew exactly what to do and they did it. In training sessions we always worked on the same overlapping and we did it in the game as well."

But Arok conceded that England would be a much more awe-some opponent in the other two games.

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He singled out Thomas for special praise.

"He was brisk and sharp and he combined his defensive duties with good attacking play."

Asked what he thought would be the reaction in England to the result, Robson said: "I don't know."

It was put to him that in the European championships, England also has to contend with defensive opponents, and he was asked whether England simply cannot handle such opponents.

"Who can beat defensive teams? You tell me," he answered.

The Press countered Robson's allegations about Australia by asking why England had used only two strikers.

"We had our two in the middle," he said, "but Barham was offering himself in a wide position, and we had hoped that a fourth man would come through from the midfield."

Robson said his team had put in too many bad crosses,

and that England should have been awarded a penalty near the end of the match, when John Kosmina crashed into Terry Butcher as a corner came across.

But he refused to make any comment about referee Tony Boskovic, when asked.

"I hope we can get better. Perhaps our performance had something to do with having four new men in the team."

"Too many of the players in our team did very little," he added.

Asked whether he thought David Ratcliffe had done a good job of marking Trevor Francis, Robson, after some consideration said yes, he had.

He said he would make changes for the other two games, in Brisbane and Melbourne, but would not say what they would be.

Asked whether Phil Neale and Sammy Lee of Liverpool would not come in, he repeated: "I won't say who."

Robson agreed that Peter Shilton had made the best save of the match to stop a low drive from Jim Cant.

ALL CREDIT TO 'ROOS, SAYS TED CROKER

English FA secretary Ted Croker said: "I wouldn't criticise the Australians in any way at all. They went out with a plan and they achieved their objective. It just would have been nice for the crowd to see a goal or two."

Croker said it may have been different had England scored in the first half. "That would have put Australia behind, and they would have had to come out and try to pull that goal back, which would have opened up a lot more space."

Croker was confident that England would win the two remaining games, in Brisbane today (Wednesday) and Melbourne on Sunday.

"This type of ground (the SCG) was strange to our players, because the crowd is so far away, and the extra lines were deceptive. In England, the grounds are much more compact and it's easier for the players to get their bearings."

"Also, it's difficult to integrate so many

new players all at once, and we've had some difficulty getting the team together. Barnes and Blissett arrived only on Friday and I think Blissett may have been suffering the effects of jet lag."

"I'm delighted though that this was not a one-off match, so we have two more in which to redeem ourselves."

"We came to the unknown when we came to Australia. The players know European football but they had little idea of what to expect here."

Asked what he thought of the four new caps — Barham, Thomas, Gregory and Williams — he praised Thomas in particular and said he had seen glimpses of the class we know Williams possesses.

"Barham was very good down the right in the first half," Croker added.

"But I was surprised by Statham. He usually overlaps all the time, but he did it very seldom this time."

"However, none of the players let us down. They all acquitted themselves well."



Australian goalkeeper Terry Greedy, in control but menaced by Luther Blissett.



Barnes' dad captained Jamaica

By naming John Barnes in his touring party for Australia, Bobby Robson gave one of the most meteoric rises seen in English soccer during recent years a further lift.

Less than two years ago, Barnes was playing amateur soccer before a handful of spectators. Here, he gained the attention of a Watford fan, who contacted the club. This resulted in assistant manager Bertie Mee taking a look at the 17-year-old winger and inviting him to Vicarage Road for a trial.

It took manager Graham Taylor only a few minutes to assess Barnes' worth and sign him.

Earlier, he had trialled with Queen's Park Rangers, but the West London club hesitated in offering terms and lost out.

Barnes' first team debut came for the "Hornets", as substitute, during the third game of the 1981-82 season. Never again was he to wear the No. 12 jersey. From that time on a place in the starting line-up was his right.

Throughout the remainder of that cam-

paign Barnes produced devastating form and was a major factor in Watford winning a place in Division One for the first time.

Many pundits speculated upon how long it would be before the brilliant new star would represent England. They did not realise that Barnes was not an Englishman and appeared to be in no hurry to become one.

Born in Jamaica, he had moved to Britain as an 11-year-old, when his father was appointed military attaché at the Jamaican High Commission in London.

Colonel Ken Barnes had himself been a player of distinction — captaining Jamaica from centre half in 1967.

Barnes Jnr. though was uncertain about his international allegiance, before eventually deciding upon England and staying in that country when his father returned to the West Indies.

Just as elusive to First Division defenders as their Second Division counterparts, he first donned the white of England in a European under-21 Championship encounter with Denmark, starting during a 4-1 win.

It was a shock though when the teenager was called up for the full international

squad, preparing to face West Germany in October of last year.

Barnes did not play in that game, but as the 1982-83 season progressed, it became more and more obvious that his promotion could not be long delayed.

Despite widespread criticism of Watford's playing style, dependant upon the long ball out of defence, their winger could not be accused of being unexciting.

Pacy, with mesmerising close control and excellent crossing ability, the 19-year-old is a classical type of winger but has proved himself just as effective in midfield or as central striker.

Against Manchester United in the 1982 FA Cup, he blotted out Bryan Robson in a midfield battle and, during an injury crisis, operated as target man, having sufficient aerial power to make full use of those famous big kicks down the middle.

Lethal, swerving free kicks from outside the penalty area add another string to his bow.

It is as a winger that Robson will, almost certainly, field Barnes in Australia. From this position, he should provide an enthralling tour with some of its most magical moments.

— PAUL MOON

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L'avventura messicana dei ragazzi verdeoro si è conclusa con l'eliminazione da parte di una Corea del Sud molto ben orchestrata e che andava successivamente a battere l'Uruguay nel secondo turno.

La sconfitta di misura per 1-2 dei "nostri" ragazzi, che tra l'altro colpivano anche il palo, contro tanto formidabile avversaria ha fatto scomparire i giovani "socceristi" dalle pagine dei giornali quotidiani dopo severe critiche alla loro prestazioni. Gli eroi di un giorno sono stati così gettati nella polvere il giorno dopo da una critica troppo superficiale e dalla memoria molto corta.

Il trionfo della giovanile australiana era già stato sancito dalla qualificazione come una delle migliori 16 formazioni primavere del mondo ed era stato quindi rafforzato dalla loro convincente vittoria contro i campioni d'Europa della Scozia. Pretendere di più sarebbe stato impossibile, quindi non riusciamo a capire la delusione espressa dalla maggior parte degli osservatori e ufficializzati dalla Federcalcio australiana che ha deciso di non pagare i giovani atleti perché non si sono qualificati per le semifinali. Non avevamo mai sentito una tale assurdità che, per di più, viene da un ente che ufficialmente predica il potenziamento dei giovani calciatori locali.

Un altro aspetto di questi mondiali giovanili che non siamo riusciti a capire è il fatto che l'allenatore Scheinflug si ostinava a sostituire l'incallito in tutte le partite. Passi per le prime due, quando l'unico rappresentante del Victoria veniva tirato fuori nel secondo tempo, ma c'è stato scandaloso sostituirlo nel primo tempo della partita decisiva quando l'Australia era già andata in svantaggio, considerando che Fabio era l'unico giocatore verdeoro che avrebbe potuto risolvere la partita in qualsiasi momento con una delle sue poderose cannonate o con uno dei suoi sapienti smistamenti in avanti.

Per noi, e per le migliaia e migliaia che hanno seguito i giovani verdeoro alla televisione, i ragazzi si sono coperti di gloria (considerando la povertà del calcio dal quale sono sbocciati come fiori selvaggi) ed una grossa ingiustizia è stata perpetrata ai danni di Fabio Incantalupo.

Sul fronte locale la Juventus è stata l'unica italiana del

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massimo campionato statale a tornare a casa con due punti, anche se di stretta misura, mentre Morwell e Fawkes hanno subito altre battute d'arresto con il minimo scarto.

L'interruzione per due settimane del campionato statale per l'incontro internazionale Australia - Inghilterra e i quarti di finale della Dockety Cup, darà a tutte le squadre tempo di rivedere le proprie prestazioni e di correre ai ripari.

Quella che più si rallegrerà della "vacanza" sarà la Juventus che stava accusando segni di logorio dopo un campionato d'andata condotto a tambur battente con una esigua rosa che si è andata sempre più assottigliando tanto che diversi giocatori hanno dovuto giocare ultimamente in pessime condizioni fi-

siche e senza la pressione di rincalzare che cercavano di portar loro via il posto in prima squadra.

Il caso limite è stato contro il Box Hill quando gli infortunati Swincoe e Rogers, dopo un primo tempo discreto in cui la squadra dominava, crollavano nella ripresa condannando così la Juventus ad una sconfitta che potrebbe costare il campionato. Da parte sua il comitato si perdeva alla ricerca di "fuoriclasse" per una squadra che stava al comando della classifica e che quindi non aveva bisogno di innesti, ma solo di numeri in panchina per poter mettere in campo undici giocatori fisicamente abili.

L'annuncio arrivo del nazionale irlandese Paul McGee e rivelava poi un "Irish joke", quando i dirigenti juventini si recavano ad accoglierlo all'aeroporto mercoledì scorso il "nostro" non spuntava e in serata, telefonicamente, si apprendeva che aveva rinunciato a venire perché la moglie non era contenta di emigrare. Allo stesso tempo sembra che sia arrivato a Melbourne un altro "asso" al quale la Juventus sta facendo la corte da qualche tempo, Robert Cullen, che se rivestirà la maglia bianconera si troverà a fare concorrenza a Incantalupo o Zinni, poiché è un attaccante laterale.

Invece di spendere tempo e rischiare soldoni inutilmente, la Juventus ben farebbe a rinforzarsi con un paio di elementi giovani e provati (tipo Drinocky e Lloyd) disposti a giocare nelle riserve e a stare in panchina fino a che non si presenterà l'occasione di entrare in prima. L'arrivo di un "fuoriclasse" in una squadra che sta andando molto bene, a metà campionato, potrebbe causare uno sbilanciamento e una perdita di intesa e morale, proprio come successo anni fa con l'arrivo del "cannone" Ristovski che causò disaccordo e animosità nella squadra.

Comunque il girone d'andata della Juventus è da considerare molto positivo sia per i risultati acquisiti che per il tipo di gioco sviluppato. Ovvio che Margaritis ha avuto una enorme influenza positiva sui

giocatori riconfermati: dall'anno scorso (tutti hanno reso molto di più quest'anno) ed è stato riproposto ampiamente dalla fiducia data ai nuovi acquisti Rogers, Lloyd e specialmente Drinocky.

La sconfitta per mano del Polonia è stato un regalo che la difesa bianconera sicuramente non ripeterà più, mentre abbiamo già detto di quella contro il Box Hill. Di contro i bianconeri hanno colto due vittorie decisive contro Croatia e Green Gully, le due più formidabili avversarie per il titolo statale. Se riusciranno a ripetere l'impresa anche nel girone di ritorno il glorioso club italiano potrebbe nuovamente fregiarsi del titolo statale dopo tredici anni dall'ultimo trionfo.

Sabato scorso, contro il volitivo Albion e su un campo che rassomigliava ad un pascolo di pecore, la Juventus ha vinto al piccolo trotto. Un aspetto molto negativo della schiera-mento che Margaritis ha dovuto adottare per i limiti della rosa titolari è stato lo schieramento di Lloyd al centro dell'attacco. Lloyd è un ottimo centrocampista naturale, con un ottimo controllo di palla, buona visione di gioco e, più di ogni altra cosa, con le sue qualità di mastino e motorino.

Isolato in avanti, ha giocato a spazi per meno della metà dell'incontro invece di lavorare a centrocampo per tutti i novanta minuti. Egli può benissimo fare delle puntate a rete da centrocampo, ma non è un "goledador" di prima linea perché non possiede prontezza di tiro.

Comunque con il recupero di Zinni ed il ritorno di Incantalupo, e con French che sembra molto migliorato, anche i problemi dell'attacco dovrebbero essersi risolti senza il pericoloso innesto di un "fuoriclasse".

La difesa è la più solida del campionato e il centrocampista, con Lloyd, è una ottima difesa avanzata e un propulsore dell'attacco. Con un paio di buoni rincalzi per la panchina in caso di infortuni, squallide, la Juventus dovrebbe fare ancora meglio nel girone di ritorno e conquistare lo scudetto se la Croatia subirà qualche pur

improbabile battuta d'arresto.

Il Morwell, dopo un ottimo inizio, è andato a rotoli nella seconda parte del girone d'andata principalmente a causa di un certo malcontento e indisciplina che hanno tarpato le ali ai suoi blasonati falconi. La squadra che l'anno scorso aveva brillantemente esordito nella massima divisione conquistandosi un eccellente quarto posto, era stata potenziata al massimo quest'anno con l'acquisto di fuoriclasse del calibro di McGuinness, Evans, McLean e Young, oltre ai vari Train e Derby. Purtroppo perdeva il terzo Neill all'inizio del campionato e Bingham doveva osservare un lungo riposo a causa di un serio infortunio alla testa. La mancanza di intesa e di collaborazione fra i troppi gatti nel pollaio facevano il resto e riduceva lo "squadrone" a ruolo di comparsa del campionato.

Sembra che i giocatori risentito l'allenatore Boggi ma, se avessero motivi fondati avrebbero potuto dimostrarlo domenica, contro il Sunshine-George Cross in occasione dell'assenza di Boggi, a Sydney come assistente dell'allenatore nazionale per l'intro Australia-Inghilterra. Invece la squadra ha deluso di nuovo andando a perdere con un avversario che, pur se in netta ripresa, si trova ancora nei quartieri bassi della classifica.

È difficile che il torneo di ritorno serbi miglior sorte per il club italiano della Latrobe Valley che quasi sicuramente dovrà mettere il 1983 fra i pochissimi anni da dimenticare durante la sua breve ma gloriosa storia.

Se c'è n'era bisogno di conferma, il Morwell ha dimostrato così che una squadra di campioni non è necessariamente una squadra campione e che senza una fioritura di gioventù e ambizione personale, la classe e l'esperienza non sono sufficienti.

Il Fawkes aveva cominciato la sua prima avventura nel massimo campionato senza eccessive ambizioni e con la formazione che era praticante quella dell'anno scorso. Senza esperienza e senza troppa classe i ragazzi che

avevano vinto il campionato di prima divisione avevano cominciato alla garibaldina con eccellenti prestazioni contro Morwell e Juventus. Purtroppo tifosi e comitato non hanno saputo resistere alla tentazione di strafare e ben presto, anche a causa dei mal di infortuni, il club ha cominciato a rinforzarsi con elementi di grande esperienza e di classe indubbi che però non potevano avere l'affiatamento e lo spirito garibaldini della squadra che aveva iniziato così bene il campionato. A ronzanti vittorie contro Sunshine e Ringwood facevano riscontro umiliati sconfitte dal Green Gully e dal Croatia e l'ultima delusione è arrivata domenica contro un modesto Northcote. La sosta di due settimane darà a Kirkovic il tempo di rivedere i suoi quadri e di immettersi Tiziano Cavallari, recentemente acquistato dalla Juventus. Cavallari è indubbiamente un giocatore di gran classe e, se riuscirà a scendere al livello del calcio locale, potrebbe essere il regista del centrocampo di cui la squadra ha tanto bisogno.

Kirkovic dovrà anche cercare di ottenere molto di più da ex nazionali come Palinkas e Borikas e vedere di impostare meglio la sua difesa che ultimamente ha lasciato molto a desiderare. Intanto è tornato verso gli ultimi 20-30 minuti delle partite, con la sua stocata risolutrice.

Una cosa è certa, l'orgoglio e l'affiatamento del club sono tali che la squadra sicuramente ne presterà le migliori e concluderà il suo primo campionato con un piazzamento in classifica più che decoroso.

BULLEEN AGGANCIA EAST BRUNSWICK

La lotta fra le due italiane della prima divisione della lega provinciale sta assumendo toni drammatici. Grazie alla vittoria nell'incontro diretto l'East Brunswick Abruzzo era riuscito a sorpassare il Bulleen nella schiaffo della battistrada Yarraville.

Sabato scorso però i ragazzi veneti sono riusciti a piegare il forte Hawksburn mentre l'East Brunswick non andava al di là del pareggio con l'altro forte avversario del Clifton Hill. Le due squadre italiane ora sono a pari punti in seconda posizione e potrebbero risolvere l'importante della promozione con l'incontro diretto nel girone di ritorno.

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A former schoolboy signing for Hull City, Cook has the ability to be the best player in the State but he rarely shows his full ability. There are only glimpses usually but when he's on song, he can be unstoppable. In a game against Juventus last year, he made a 50-metre run, beating four opponents on the way, before hitting the post with a sizzling drive.

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Chinaglia's Nick Cook — an enigma

Lazio is promoted

Rome's second soccer team, Lazio, won promotion to the First Division with A. C. Milan after securing a 2-2 draw against rival contenders Varese.

It was the second piece of good news in two days for Lazio fans whose City rival Roma captured the First Division title this season.

They feared the club's deep financial troubles would force the sale of striker Bruno Giordano, sought by clubs willing to pay billions of lire.

But former Lazio international Giorgio Chinaglia, long with New York Cosmos in the North American Soccer League, agreed to take the club over, diminishing the prospect of a Giordano transfer.

Nick Cook (27) the enigmatic former Green Gully Ajax and Sunshine City player, has resigned with Tasmanian State League champion, Rapid-West Point, after a virtual tour of Hobart clubs over the past few years. It is his second stint with the club for which he was leading scorer previously. Cook has also played for White Eagles, Olympia, University and South Hobart.

Cook (pictured) is a tragic figure in some ways, a player whom the public doesn't really understand. Off the field he is quiet and he speaks with intelligence about the game he loves. He belies his public image the one that most fans see and which is characterised by a disciplinary record that is abysmal. When with Rapid previously, as well as being the top scorer, he also held the record for a number of sendings off. He played one game for University, scored one goal and was sent off. During his stay with South Hobart last year, he scored once and was sent off twice.



And yet, there is nothing malicious about the man or his game. He's his own worst enemy and that explains his sendings off. "I find it difficult to control my frustrations about the way the game's going," he says. "Sometimes I'm volatile, but I like to be in-

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Τό 'ωλη εκτός έδρας διέλυσε τό Ρ.Ρίτμο ντ 5-2 τό όποιο πριν λίγες μέρες είχε νι κήσει τό πρωτοπόρο Κώφληντ 3-2.
"Η Ελληνική ομάδα άν και δέν είχε τόν Π. Τζιτζη στήν σύνθεσή της έν τούτοις πήρε όχι μόνον τούς δύο βαθμούς της νίκης αλλά και μέγάλο σκόρ κάτι ποό δέν ήλ τό περίμενε ούτε και δ πιο αξιοδόσοφ ως λαδλος της κινανολέου.
Τό γκόλ γιά τήν Ελληνική ομάδα τά πέτυ - χαν οι Νταντέλιος 2, Κιάκος 2 και Μ.Καβα ρντίνας.

"Επαιξαν οι Κέντουρ,Λουκάς, Γκιουόσι,Κρί βόρης,Ματικιόντο,Κουτουόστας,Καμπυλάκης Κιάκος,Νταντέλιος,Μ.Καβαρντίνας,Μηδίζης. Μετά και τήν νίκη αυτή τό 'ωλη βρίσκε- ται μόνο ένα βαθμό πίσω από τό πρωτοπό- ρο Κώφληντ.

ΣΑΡΜΕΣ Η ΔΟΞΑ ΓΙΑΡΑΒΙΑ ΜS 6-1 ΤΟ ΜΠΑΛΑ ΡΑΤ ΚΑΙ ΠΑΡΑΜΕΣΙ ΑΗΤΗΤΗ ΚΑΙ ΣΤΗΝ 1η ΕΦ ΣΗ ΤΗΣ Α' ΤΟΥ ΠΡΟΒΙΟΝΑΛ

ΕΚΟΡΕΣ: ΓΕΡΑΚΗΣ 2, ΠΕΤΡΙΔΗΣ, Τ.ΔΗΜΗΤΡΙ ΟΥ, ΜΕΛΕΤΗΣ, ΔΙΑΚΟΠΟΥΛΟΣ

"Η δόξα Γιάραβιλ τοό Μάνου Μήλιου διέλυ σε και τό Μπάλαρατ 6-1 και τελείωσε τόν Α' Γύρο άήτητη και πρωτοπόρος μέ ένα βα θυδ διαφορά από τό "Ώστ Μπράνσουγκ.
"Η Ελληνική μας ομάδα περιόρησε σε όλες τις γραμμές της έπέβαλε τό παιχνίδι της από τήν άρχή και στό 17' άνοιξε τό σκόρ μέ τόν Πετρίδη γιά νά τό διπλασιάσει δ Μελέτης στό 24' μέ θαυμάσια προσπάθεια. Στό 27' δ Τζιζης άημητρίου έκανε τό 3-0 γιά μείώσει τό Μπάλαρατ στό 31' μέ αό- στηρό πένελτυ.

Στό Β' μέρος ή δόξα πετούσε κιναιολεντι κά και 54' κέρδισε πέναλτυ ποό τό κτύπη- σε εδούχα δ Γεράκιος.
Μετά τό 4-1 ή γηπεδόχος συνέχισε νά όπε ρέχει και στό 60' δ Λιακόπουλος κέρδισε όν πέναλτυ ποό τό κτύπησε πάλι δ Γερά- κιος κάνοντας τό 5-1.

Στό 78' δ Λιακόπουλος έβγαλε πλάσαρε τόν άντιπαλο γκολκίπερ γάφοντας τό 6-1 ποό ήταν και τό τελικό αποτέλεσμα.
"Από τήν νικήτοια δέν όστέρεσε κανένας και φάνηκε ότι όλοι οι παίκτες της Βοι- σονταί σε άριστη φυσική κατάσταση και πα νέτοιμοι γιά τά τρία όδοκολα μάτς ποό έ- χουν (Λαηλор και "Ώστ Μπράνσουγκ στό Γιάραβιλ και Μπουλν ήκτός έδρας).
"Αν ή δόξα ξεπερσεί τούς 3 πρώτους άγώ- νες χωρίς μεγάλες άπώλειες,τότε τό όθμα της γιά τήν κατάκτηση τοό τίτλου θά εί- ναι ποό μεγάλο.

Μέ τήν δόξα έπαιξαν οι Γκιότας,Τσαμπά- ρης,Ν.Αποστολίδης (65') Γανθόπουλος,3. Δημητρίου,Γεράκιος(75') Κουτουόβελης,Κα- λικολίτης,Βούλαρης,Τζ.Δημητρίου,Μελέτης Λιακόπουλος,Πετρίδης.

"Η Β' ομάδα νίκησε 4-0 και μέ τέρματα των Χότα 2, Παπαδόπουλου και Τ.Μελέτη. Τό Σάββατο ή δόξα στήν έδρα της παίζει τόν πρώτον άγώνα τοό Β' Γύρου μέ τό Λαη- λор τό όποιο στόν Α' Γύρο τό είχε νικήσει μέ 4-3.

Οι φλαβιοι τοό Γιάραβιλ πιστεύεται νά βοηθήσουν βετικά τήν ομάδα τους γιά νά πάρει τήν νίκη και νά προχωρήσει άήτητη στό πρωτάθλημα.

ΤΟ Δ.ΣΥΜΒΟΥΛΙΟ ΤΟΥ "ΚΕΟΝ ΠΑΡΚ"

Τό Δ.Συμβούλιο τοό Κέον Πάρκ τό όποιο δια ότειν 3 ομάδες Τζούνοριος κίτω τών ΙΙ,τών Ι2 και τών Ι4 ετών, είναι τό έξής:
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Σύμβουλοι: Χ.Μήτσιου,Κ.Κακαβούλης,Γ.Τσέ- ρας,Μ.Σταθόπου,Δ.Αναστασιου,Π.Βασιλέτης, Γ.Μόρας,Γ.Παναγιωτόπουλος,Σ.Παθόμος, και Χ.Μεκερίρης.
Τήν ομάδα τών Ιερώνων προκονει δ Πλοό- των Πάλλας δ όποιος ήταν πρώην παίκτης

της "Ομόνοιας Κόπου και της "Θυμικής Κό που. Τό Ι96' είχε άναδειχθεί δ καλύτε - ρος παίκτης της "Θυμικής ομάδας της πα- τριδας του.

Ο ΒΑΓΓΕΛΗΣ ΦΕΡΕΤΗΣ ΔΙΑΠΡΟΗΕΙ

"Ο Βαγγέλης Φερέτης δ πρώην παίκτης της "Ηρακλή συνεχίζει νά παίζει μπάλα μέ έ- πιτυχία στήν "Ιταλική Ρήζεντ και παρλά- ληλα είναι και προπονητής.
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"Όπως μάς είπε δ πρόεδρος τοό συλλόγου Κ.Τζιζης Κουτρονίδης, ή διοργάνωση ποό θά έχει τήν βοήθεια από μεγάλες Ελληνι- κές έταιρίες δέν γίνεται μόνο γιά φέτος αλλά θά είναι ή άρχή γιά νά καθιερωθεί κάθε χρόνο.

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Τό μόνο εύχάιστο τοό είδάμε ήταν ή νίκη της ομάδας τό περασμένο Σάββατο επί τοό "Θάμα μέ 3-1 ποό άσφινει μιά έγγύηση γιά τόν 3' Γύρο.



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Od specijalnog je znacaja treci susret sa Engles- kom na Olympic Parku, jer se u predigri sastaju kom- pletni timovi JUST-a i Hejasa.
Proste nedelje odigrane su dve derbi utakmice prijateljskog karaktera, koje su promislile svoj zada- tak. Hladno vreme sprecllo je najvise da napuste tople sobe, tako da su se gledaoци na obe utakmice mogli na prste izbrojati. To je uticalo na igru, koja je bila slaba, narocito u Heidelbergu. Alexander je po- bedio "plave" sa 1:0, slucajnim golom, koji ide na Bo- landovom dusu. U drugom poluvremenu JUST je bio mnogo bolji, ali bezopasan za protivnicki gol. Susret izmedju Makedonije i Hejasa zavrsio se neresheno 2:2, posto je Makedonija povelа sa 2:0.

OTPAO JOS JEDAN KONKURENT

Croatia je lako i ubedljivo savadala Poloniju sa 3:0. Otpao je jos jedan konkurent za prvo mesto, koje цврсто drzi Croatia vec mesec dana. Juventus i Ajax su za petama "crvenima", ali sa manjim sanama. Jedino ce njihovo medusobno susreti mozdа doneti promenu, ali dotle su isklucjena inenadjenja, bar sto se Croatia tice. Fawken/Roma je ponovo razocara- la, iako ima bolji tim nego sto to rezultati pokazuju. Zbog gostovanja reprezentacije Engleske i Dock- erty kupa, prvenstvo Drzavne lige prekida se do 3. jula.

PRVA PROVIZIONALNA DIVIZIJA

MELBOURNE — ALTONA GATE/VARDAR 2:1 (2:0). Jedini gol za Vardar postigao je Milan Micev- ki, ali je mogao bar jos dva puta da se upise u strice.

Isto tako Mendo Ristovski i Fred Beller. Po stvarnim sansama, Vardar je mogao da pobedi sa 5:2, ali sta vredi kada su navalni igraoci bili slabi strelci. Istina, vetar je uticao na igru negativno, ali na steu oba tima. U subotu 18. juna Altona Gate docekuje Bell Park na svom igralistu.
Gola, dok su Mihalj Djarmati i Ignac Lasanc postig- li po jedan Rezerva je pobedila sa 4:0 (1:0). Sander Varga je tri puta zatresao protivnicku mrezu, tako da je "Plavi Dunav" imao tri "het-trika", proste subote, koja je bila najuspesnija u sezoni, koja je ocajno pocela (devet uzastopnih poraza!!!). U subotu 18. juna Plavi Dunav igra protiv Geelonga na svom ig- ralistu.

BOSNA ISPRED ZVEZDE NA CELU TABELU

Westal Timorese — Crvena zvezda 2:1 (1:0). Igraci Zvezde nisu mogli da razviju svoju igru po vetrovnom vremenu i doziveli su drugi poraz u ovoj sezoni. Jedini gol postigao je Mladen Mucic, koja je idealno poslužio Slavko Visic. Najbolji igraoci: Slavko Visic, Mladen Mucic i Milan Cvijic. Rezerve su igrале neresheno 4:4, iako je Zvezda vodila sa 3:1. Strelci: Zoran Roksan- dic, Dragan Milenkovic, Sasa Milenkovic i Andrija Ostojic.
BOSNA — Salesian College 3:0 (2:0). Junak ove utakmice bio je Milorad Velickovic, koji je postigao het-trik. Bila je to utakmica, koja ce se dugo pamititi zbog izvanredne igre Velickovica. Da je bilo malo vise srece rezultat je mogao biti dvoциfen. Posto je Zvezda izgubila, Bosna je zamenila na celu tabele sa 16 bodova (dva vise od Zvezde). U predigri je rezerva Salesian Collegea pregazila Bosnu sa 10:0. Rezerva Bosne nastupila je sa svega 7 igračа, jer su ostali bili kaznjeni od uprave, posto su sabotirali proslu utakmi- cu, kadu su za 8 minuta primili 4 gola.
U nedelju 19. juna igra se 10. kolo. Bosna gostuje u Laloru, dok Crvena zvezda docekuje Old Scotch na Omo Parku.
Lalor/SLOGA je pobedila Melton sa 1:0 bez najbol- jih igračа, ali ce u subotu 18. juna imati tezak posao da obavi na vrcem terenu vodceg Yarravilla.

BRATSTVO/JEDINSTVO NIZE POBEDE

BRATSTVO/JEDINSTVO — BRUNSWICK CITY 2:1 (1:0). Jos jedna nervozna igra po losem vremenu, koja je mogla da donese iznenadjenje. Ipak, "plavi" su i ovog puta izašli kao pobednici i sacuvali

jedinstven rekord od 13 pobeda bez poraza u jednom prvenstvu. Ipak, rekord JUST-a jos uvek je na snazi, iako se reklo sponimije "Plavi" su od osnivanja, po- cetkom 1950. godine do sredine 1952. godine bili ne- porazeni (50 do godine). Izgleda, Bratsvo/Jedinstvo postigao je u 5. minutu Zoran Ristevski iz velike guzve posle konerа. Do kraja utakmice bilo je dosta prilika da se osigura veca pobeda, ali jak vetar je ometao sve akcije pred golom gostiju. Rezerve su igrале neresheno 0:0. Pelister je jos uvek jedini konkurent Bratsvu/Je- dinstvu za prvo mesto, iako zaostaje za cetiri boda.
ALTONA/VOJVODINA — CHELTENHAM 3:1 (2:1). Prvi put u sezoni Vojvodina je izvela najbolji sastav, sto pokazuje ubedljivo pobeda nad jakim protivnikom, koji se sretu izvukao od tezeg poraza. Prvi gol je postigao Miki Cvetkovski sa 20 metara. Adam Miller je ledjima potvrdio gol. U strice se upisao ponovo Slobodan Dimitrijević sa dva lepa gola. Zbog povrede nije igrao skoro mesec dana i sada se vracia u formu. Rezerva je pobedila sa 2:1 (1:1). Oba gola postigao je izvrsni junior Oliver Karanfilovski. Naj- bolji igraoci: Jan Sklenar, Jan Cus i Nik Krstic.
U subotu 18. juna nasi klubovi imaju sledece protiv- nice: BRATSTVO/JEDINSTVO — University of Melbourne, Pascoe Vale/PELISTER — Moe Utd. i Hampton Wanderers — Altona/VOJVODINA.

TIBOR SE BOCATO ISPLATIO

Na prvotj utakmici za Parkmore/PLAVI DUNAV Tibor Hadjmisi postigao je tri gola i opravdao najveći trosak u istoriji ovog kluba, starog pet godina. Kao sto smo objavili proslu puta Plavi Dunav je okupio Tibor Hadjmiasa od Ringwood/Sbija sa 720 dolara. Talenatovog Tibor je pre 3-4 godine igrao za juniore "plave". Uspod 16 godina, a onda se otiisnuo u "profesio- nalne vode". PLAVI DUNAV je pobedio East Carlton sa 8:2 (3:2). Pored Tibora u strice su se upisali trener i igrac Joe Biro, isto tako sa 3.

GARY WARD POBEDIO "PLAVE" NADE

Drugi tim Makedonije savladao je "plave" sa 3:2 (2:0), zahvaljujuci iskusnim igracima iz Nacionalne lige. Presudio je Gary Ward, koji je postigao dva

oportunisticka gola. I treci gol je dao igrac Nation- alne lige Cos Opasins. "Plavi" su igrali lepe u prvoj polovini, ali su stvorili bolje sance, ali nisu imali sreću pred golom, gde je odbrana Makedonije igrala bez mi- losti.

JUST: Hrehoresin, Krnic, Oblak, Barjaktarevic Smurgrevski, Petrov, Fernandez (Rajic od 70. min- uta), Reigosa, Gagic, Karic, Veleviski.
Makedonija: Ofranakos, Tanovski, Stojanovski, Simpson, Christou, Farrell, Boleviski, Opasins, Ward, Petrovski, Niveviski. Pred kraj utakmice u igru su usli Kareviski i Atanasovski.
Strelci za "plave": Cane Veleviski i autogol Viktora Stojanovskog, ali tu loptu bi ubacio u mrežu i Peter Krnic.
U predigri "plava" rezerva, koju trenira Josip Picioane, zasluuzeno je pobedila Makedoniju sa 2:1 (1:1), posto se je posteno ispromislavala u drugom poluvremenu. Strelci: Ivica Karic i Dusko Atanasovski za JUST, Ljube Galeviski za Makedoniju.
RINGWOOD/SRBILIA je igrala neresheno 2:2 protiv NUNAWOODING-a u gostima, sto je dobar rezultat. St Albans/Dinamo dobio je derbi druge divizije protiv Heidelberg Uniteda sa 1:0.
U subotu 18. juna drugi tim JUST-a gostuje u Springvaltu, St Albans/Dinamo docekuje Ring- wood/Srbija, dok je Preston/Makedonija opet doma- cin, ovog puta protiv Keilor/Austrije.

PRVA PROVIZIONALNA DIVIZIJA

LANGWARRIN — CARLTON/MLADOST 5:0 (1:0). Izgleda malo cudno, ali obrut rezultat bio bi reutan, jer je Mladost imala zrelije sance idaleko vise od igre. Jedno je neverovatno kako se lopta promislav- ala sa prostog metra od gola, dok je domacin skoro bez ijedne prave sance pet puta zatresao mrežu Mla- dosti, koja je igrala bez pet prvotimaca. Teren je bio ocisjan, zbog cega je otkazana predigra, a umalo i glavna utakmica.
HAWKSBURN — BULLEEN 1:1 (1:1). Do odmore Hawkbsurn je bio bolji, ali nije iskoristio svoje sance. Posle odmore gosti su bili gospodari igre. Medjutim, ni oni nisu bili spretniji pred golom. Da nije bilo jedа- Hawkbsurn postigao je Istvan Laslo sa 35. minutu. Najbolji igraoci: Jani Palo, Steve Bleksani i Sander Kazi. Rezerva: Hawkbsurn — Bulleen 4:0 (0:2).
U subotu 18. juna igra se derbi utakmica Hawk- bsurn — Carlton/mladost na igralistu Knox City-a.

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